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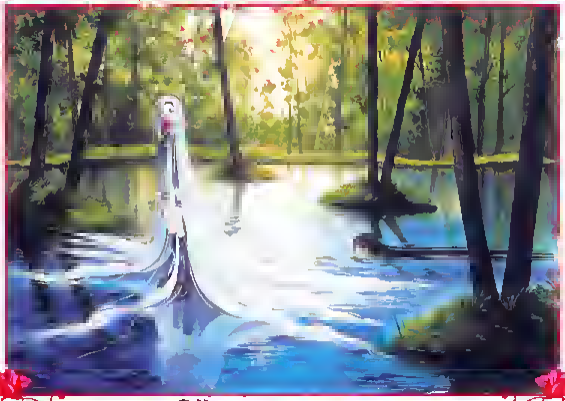

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MESSAGE FROM THE AUTHOR

I now have seven cats.

Whenever I get a cat, I become emotionally attached and really want to see his or her kitten. But, both Ginko's and Tomoko's "marriage set-up" ended in failures, and right around that time, a stray cat happened by, and so I took it as fate... and had given up on the idea of having kittens... or so I thought (^_^;)

However, ever since getting Shin, the Bengal cat, I started wanting kittens again (laugh). So I tried setting him up with a female cat twice, but both ended in failures. Finally, I decided on the last resort, which I had been avoiding up until now, and that was to get a female and raise them as a couple!

Therefore, enter a female marble Bengal cat. She was only a little over two months old.

Well, I am worried about what kind of cat society might form in my household, but there's no stopping it now (^_^;) I, the owner, shall work hard along with the cats.

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As fate would have it, Yuzuru is the reincarnation of the white dragon, in opposition with the black dragon, of which Izumi is the reincarnation. However, the revival of the white dragon could only occur at the price of Rikka N's life. Meanwhile, Izumi uses his evil powers to attempt to revive the white dragon, and...!? This is the 4th volume of Chie Shinohara's mysterious romance story!!

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Character Introduction

Rikka Mizuchi
In order to obtain the seed that Rikka N. had swallowed, she transferred into her class. She continuously tries to take Rikka N.'s life.

Izumi
The reincarnation of the black dragon, who gave Rikka N. the mysterious seed. In ancient times, he competed against the white dragon.

Yuzuru Nikaidou
A college student who is the Nikaidou heir. Although he is prone to illness, he is the reincarnation of the white dragon.

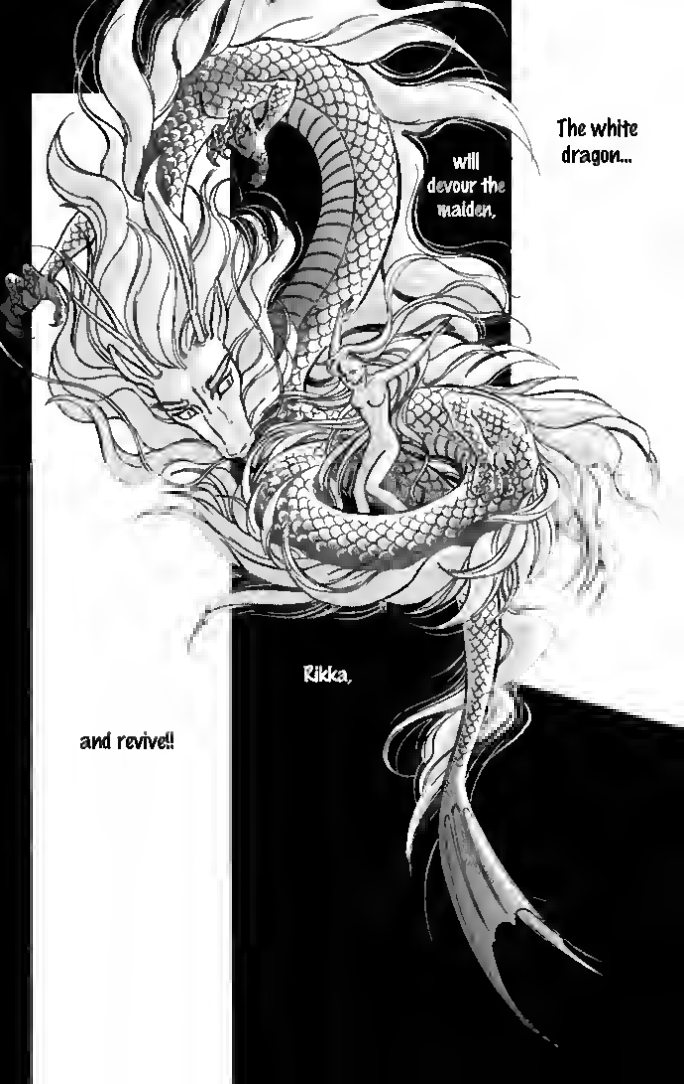
The Story So Far

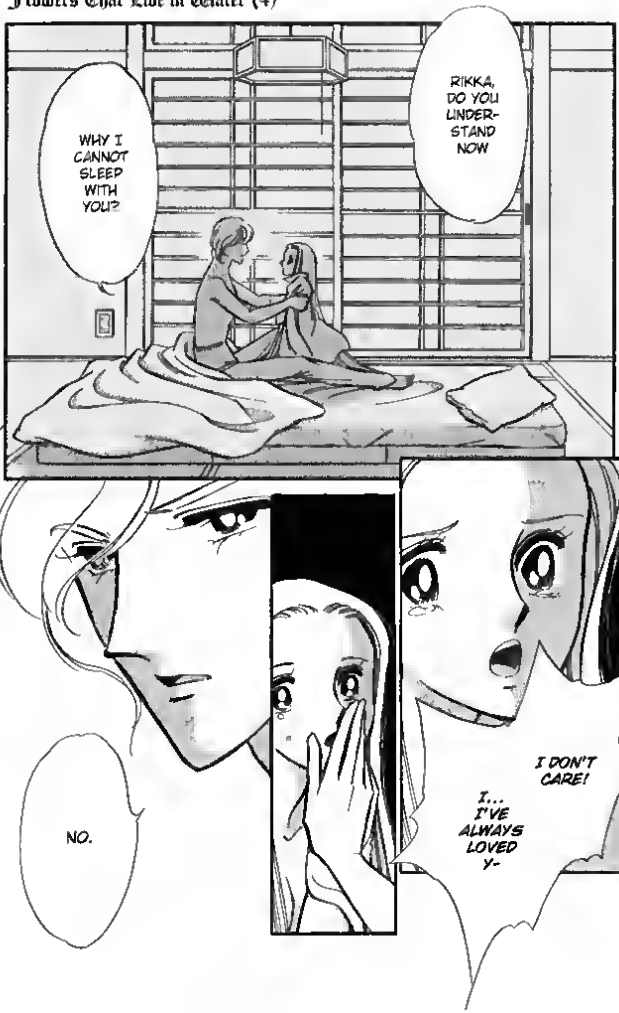
Rikka N. was the sole survivor of a bus accident during her school trip. But that was due to the mysterious life-prolonging "seed," which Izumi had given her.

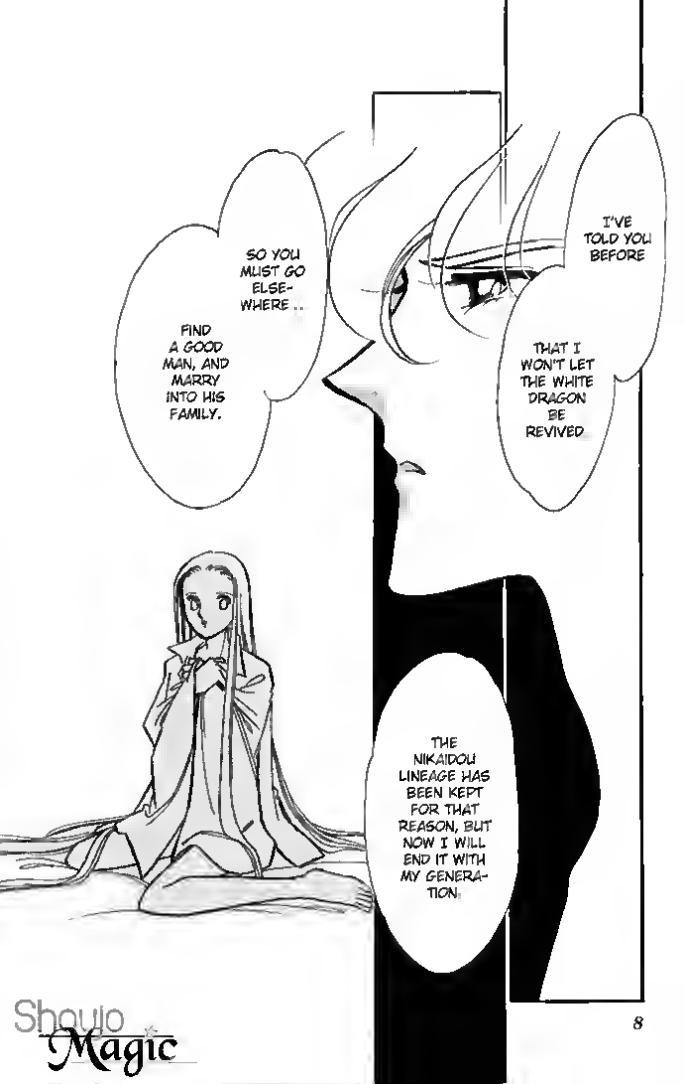
From that day on, flower-patterned bruises start to appear on Rikka's body, and her assimilation with water began. Yuzuru told Rikka that she must kill Izumi to stop her assimilation. However, Izumi's true target was Yuzuru, and not Rikka.

Long ago, in the ancient past, there were two dragons who reigned over the skies and the water. Izumi and Yuzuru were reincarnations of the black and white dragons, respectively. It became clear that in order to revive the white dragon, Yuzuru must sleep with Rikka, and "devour her life"...!?

Rikka Nikaidou
A high school girl in love with her cousin, Yuzuru. Because she has swallowed the "seed," her assimilation with water has begun.


The white dragon...
will devour the maiden,
Rikka,
and revive!!


RIKKA, DO YOU UNDER-STAND NOW
WHY I CANNOT SLEEP WITH YOU?
I DON'T CARE!
I... I'VE ALWAYS LOVED Y-
NO.


I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE
THAT I WON'T LET THE WHITE DRAGON BE REVIVED
SO YOU MUST GO ELSE-WHERE..
FIND A GOOD MAN, AND MARRY INTO HIS FAMILY.
THE NIKAIDOU LINEAGE HAS BEEN KEPT FOR THAT REASON, BUT NOW I WILL END IT WITH MY GENERA-TION.

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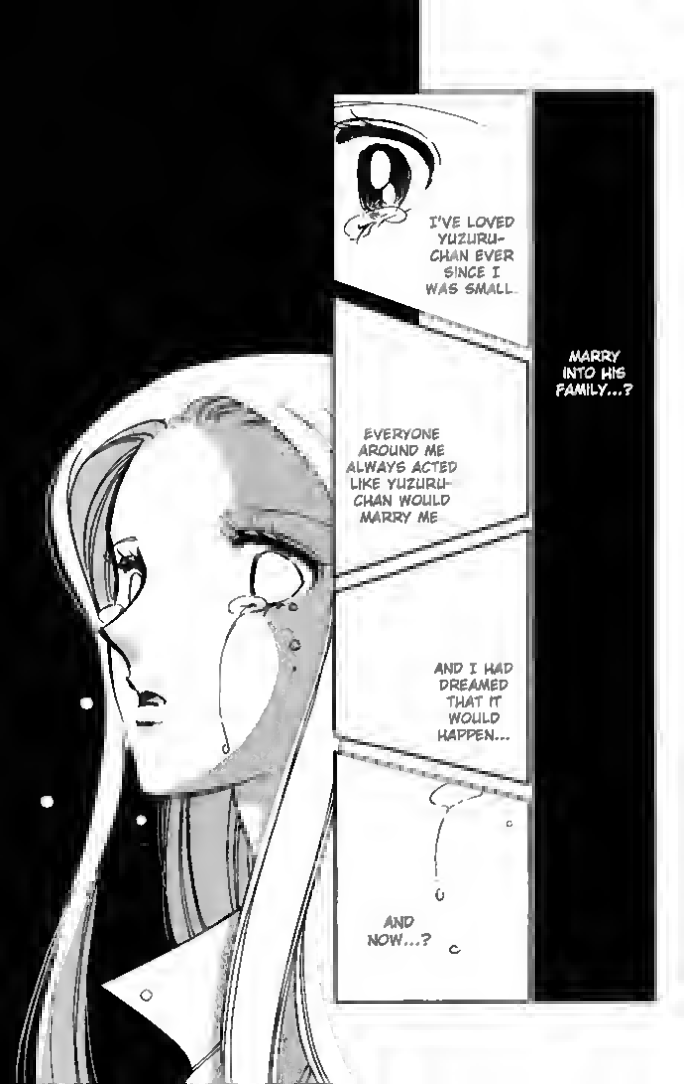
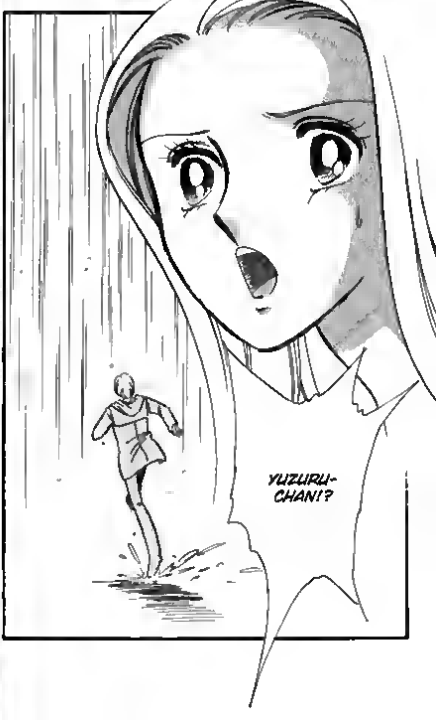

I'VE LOVED YUZURU-CHAN EVER SINCE I WAS SMALL.
EVERYONE AROUND ME ALWAYS ACTED LIKE YUZURU-CHAN WOULD MARRY ME
AND I HAD DREAMED THAT IT WOULD HAPPEN...
AND NOW...?
MARRY INTO HIS FAMILY...?

I WONDER IF IZUMI PLANS TO MAKE IT RAIN UNTIL I RETURN TO THE SKIES.
YUZURU-CHAN?
WHAT?
RIKKA, STAY IN THE HOUSE

ARE YOU GOING TO STOP IZUMI!?
YUZURU-CHAN, WHERE ARE YOU GOING!?
THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE! DON'T GO!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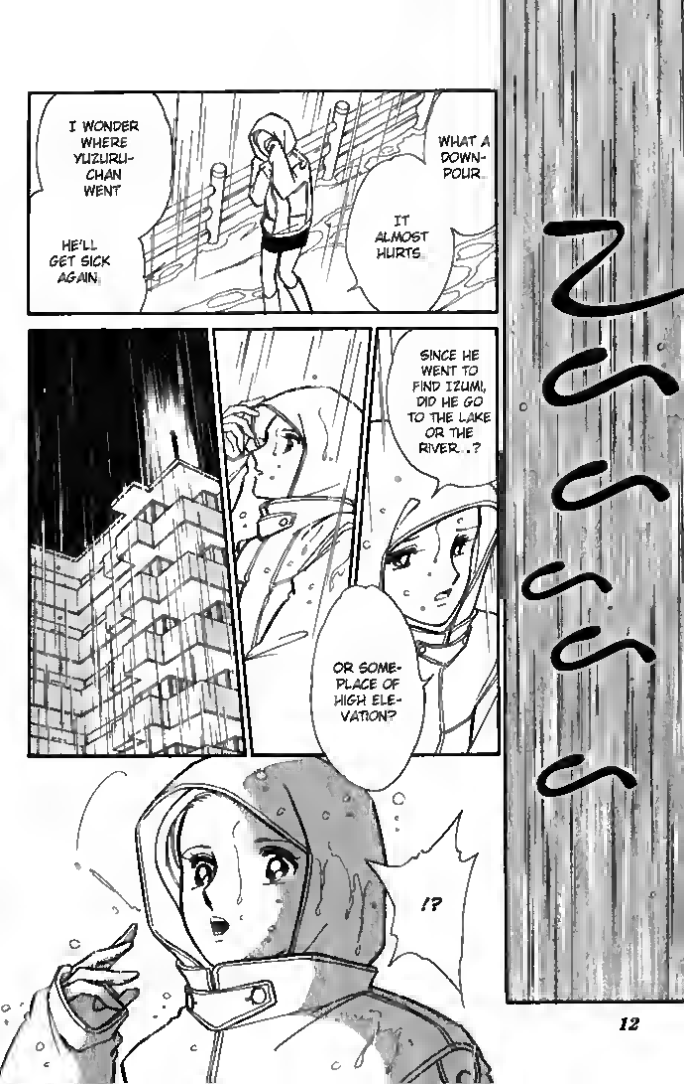
I WONDER WHERE YUZURU-CHAN WENT
HE'LL GET SICK AGAIN
WHAT A DOWN-POUR
IT ALMOST HURTS
SINCE HE WENT TO FIND IZUMI, DID HE GO TO THE LAKE OR THE RIVER..?
OR SOME-PLACE OF HIGH ELE-VATION?
!?

YUZURU-
CHAN!?

WELL, I'M HERE TO DO AS YOU WISH.
STOP THE RAIN!!
IZUMI!
I'M THE ONE YOU WANT!
IT'S NOT YOU THAT I WANT,
BUT THE WHITE DRAGON!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RETURN TO THE SKIES!!
RUMBLE
RETURN TO THE WHITE DRAGON!
YUZURU-CHAN!

YUZURU-CHAN!!

IZUMI ...
THIS IS ALL I CAN DO NOW
I CAN'T STOP YOUR RAIN.
IF YOU WISH TO DROWN OUT THE CITY, THEN DO SO!!

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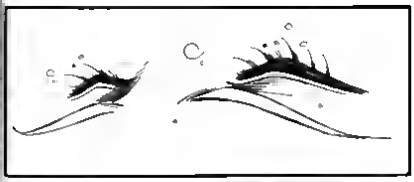
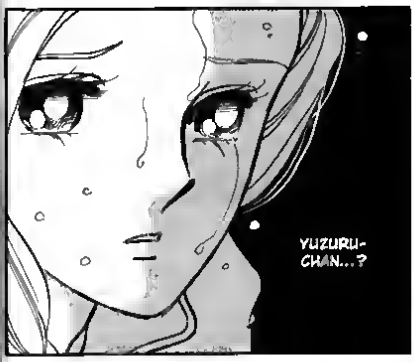
HAVEN'T YOU WISHED FOR THE WHITE DRAGON'S COMPLETE DEATH!?
ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU'VE WANTED FOR ALL THESE LONG YEARS!?
YUZURU!!
JUST GO AHEAD AND KILL YUZURU!
IT'LL ALL BE OVER!

WISHED FOR ALL THESE LONG YEARS...?
IZUMI!?

SPLASH
ARE YOU OKAY!?
YUZURU-CHAN!!

THIS IS ALL I CAN DO FOR NOW...

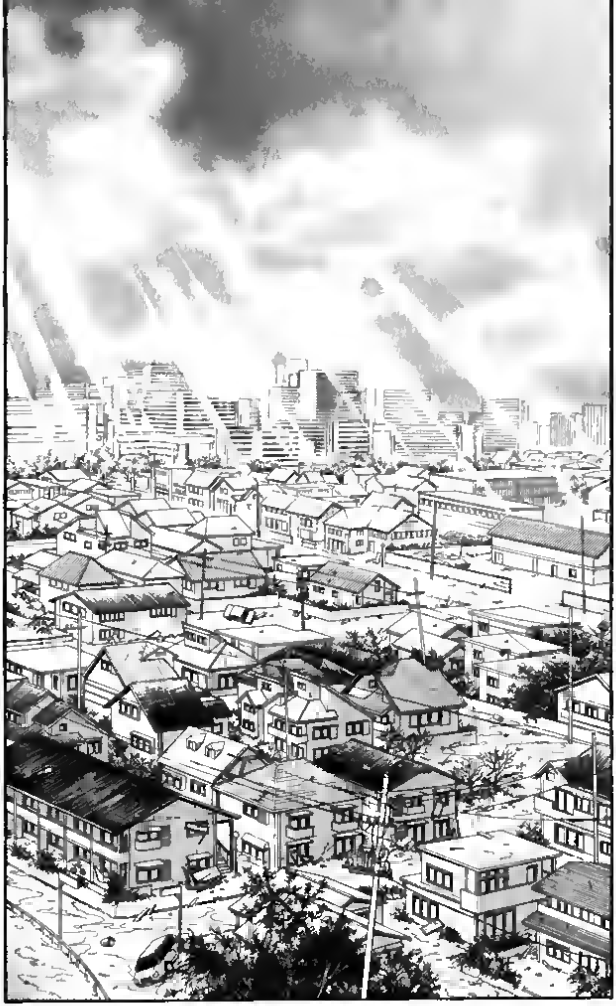




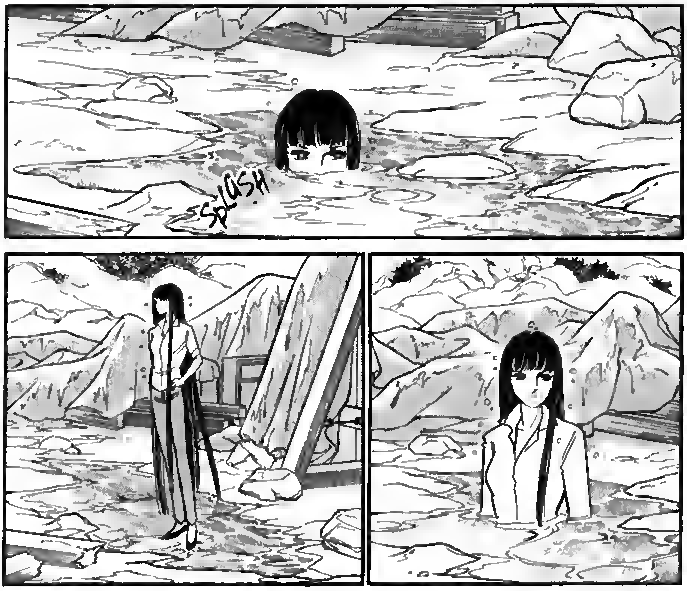
WHY?
IZUMI.
WHY DIDN'T YOU KILL THE WHITE DRAGON?

LONG AGO, THE WHITE DRAGON FELL TO THE EARTH BATTLING AGAINST YOU.
BUT HE WASN'T COMPLETELY DEAD, AND CONTINUED TO LIVE IN HUMANS
WEREN'T YOU SEARCHING FOR THE WHITE DRAGON ALL THESE YEARS SO THAT YOU COULD KILL HIM?

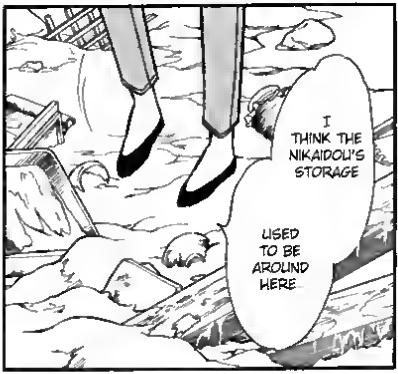
THAT ISN'T THE WHITE DRAGON.
THE WHITE DRAGON'S TRUE SELF IS STILL TRAPPED INSIDE THE HUMAN.
THE ONE I WANT TO FIGHT IS THE TRUE WHITE DRAGON!



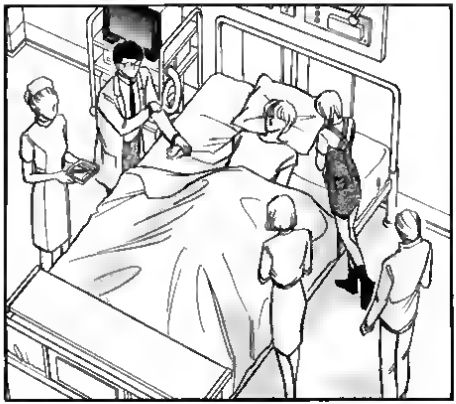
THE HEAVY DOWNPOUR THAT HAS CREATED MUCH DAMAGE HAS NOW STOPPED.
AND THE WATER IS DRYING UP WITH SURPRISING RAPIDITY.
BUT THE METEORO-LOGICAL AGENCY HAS DECLARED THIS AS UNVERIFIED.
THERE ARE REPORTS OF HOT WATER RAINING IN ONE AREA.
WE WILL CONTINUE WITH UPDATES ON THE DAMAGE REPORTS—


SPLASH

"RIKKA" IS THE NAME OF THE GIRL WHO WILL REVIVE THE WHITE DRAGON...
A GIRL WHO IS TO BE FROM THE NIKAIDOU LINEAGE.
... A GIRL WHO HAS NIKAIDOU BLOOD.



THE NIKAIDOU FAMILY...



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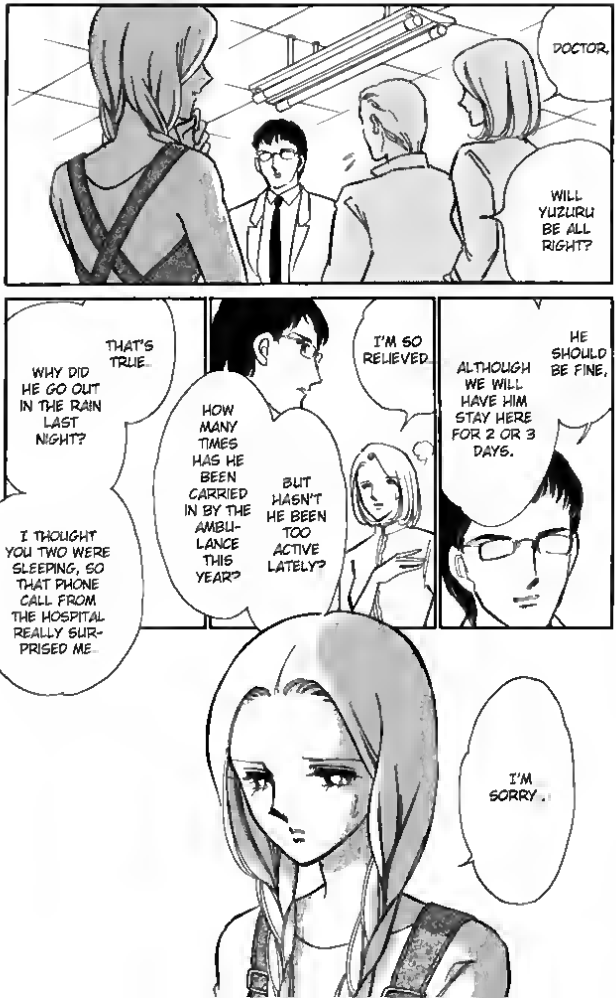
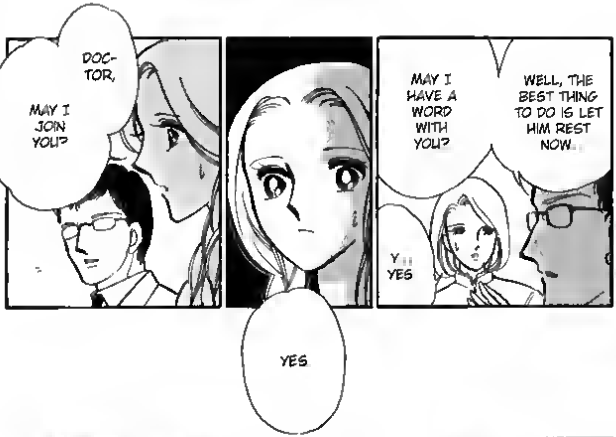

DOCTOR,
WILL YUZURU BE ALL RIGHT?
HE SHOULD BE FINE.
ALTHOUGH WE WILL HAVE HIM STAY HERE FOR 2 OR 3 DAYS.
I'M SO RELIEVED.
BUT HASN'T HE BEEN TOO ACTIVE LATELY?
HOW MANY TIMES HAS HE BEEN CARRIED IN BY THE AMBULANCE THIS YEAR?
THAT'S TRUE.
WHY DID HE GO OUT IN THE RAIN LAST NIGHT?
I THOUGHT YOU TWO WERE SLEEPING, SO THAT PHONE CALL FROM THE HOSPITAL REALLY SURPRISED ME.
I'M SORRY.


DOC-
TOR,
MAY I
JOIN
YOU?
MAY I
HAVE A
WORD
WITH
YOU?
WELL, THE
BEST THING
TO DO IS LET
HIM REST
NOW...
Y...
YES
YES

THE
NUMBER
OF HIS
VISITS TO
THE
HOSPITAL
HAS BEEN
INCREAS-
ING
LATELY
IT'S
BEEN
MANY
YEARS
SINCE I
STARTED
TREATING
YUZURU-
KUN.
AND AL-
THOUGH
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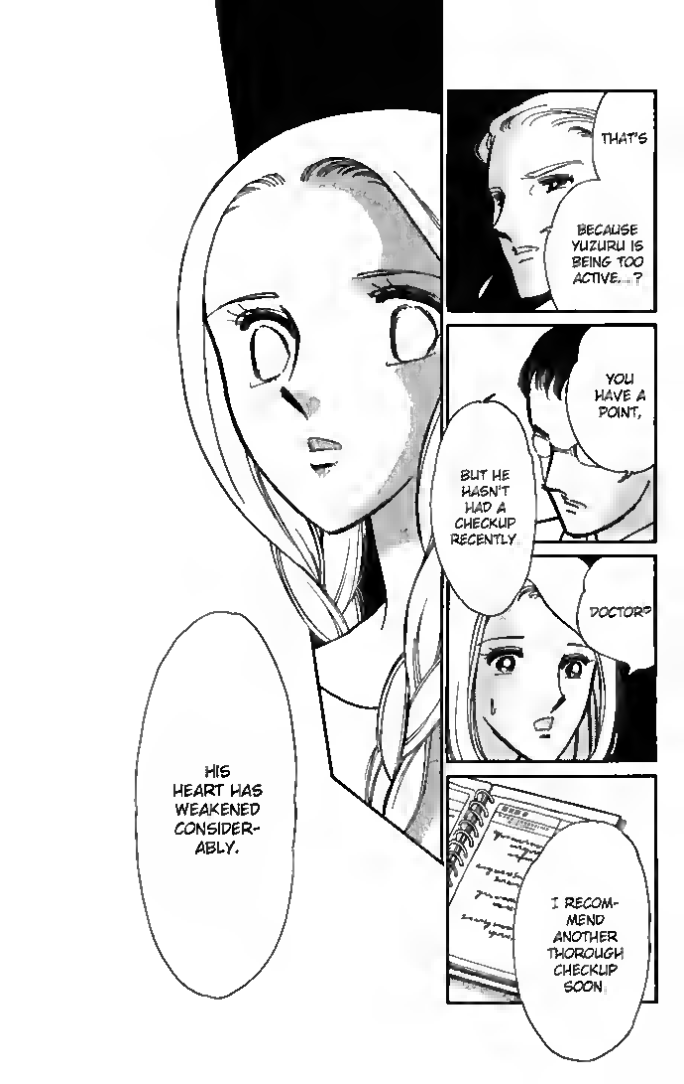

THAT'S
BECAUSE YUZURU IS BEING TOO ACTIVE...?
YOU HAVE A POINT,
BUT HE HASN'T HAD A CHECKUP RECENTLY.
DOCTOR?
HIS HEART HAS WEAKENED CONSIDER-ABLY.
I RECOM-MEND ANOTHER THOROUGH CHECKUP SOON.

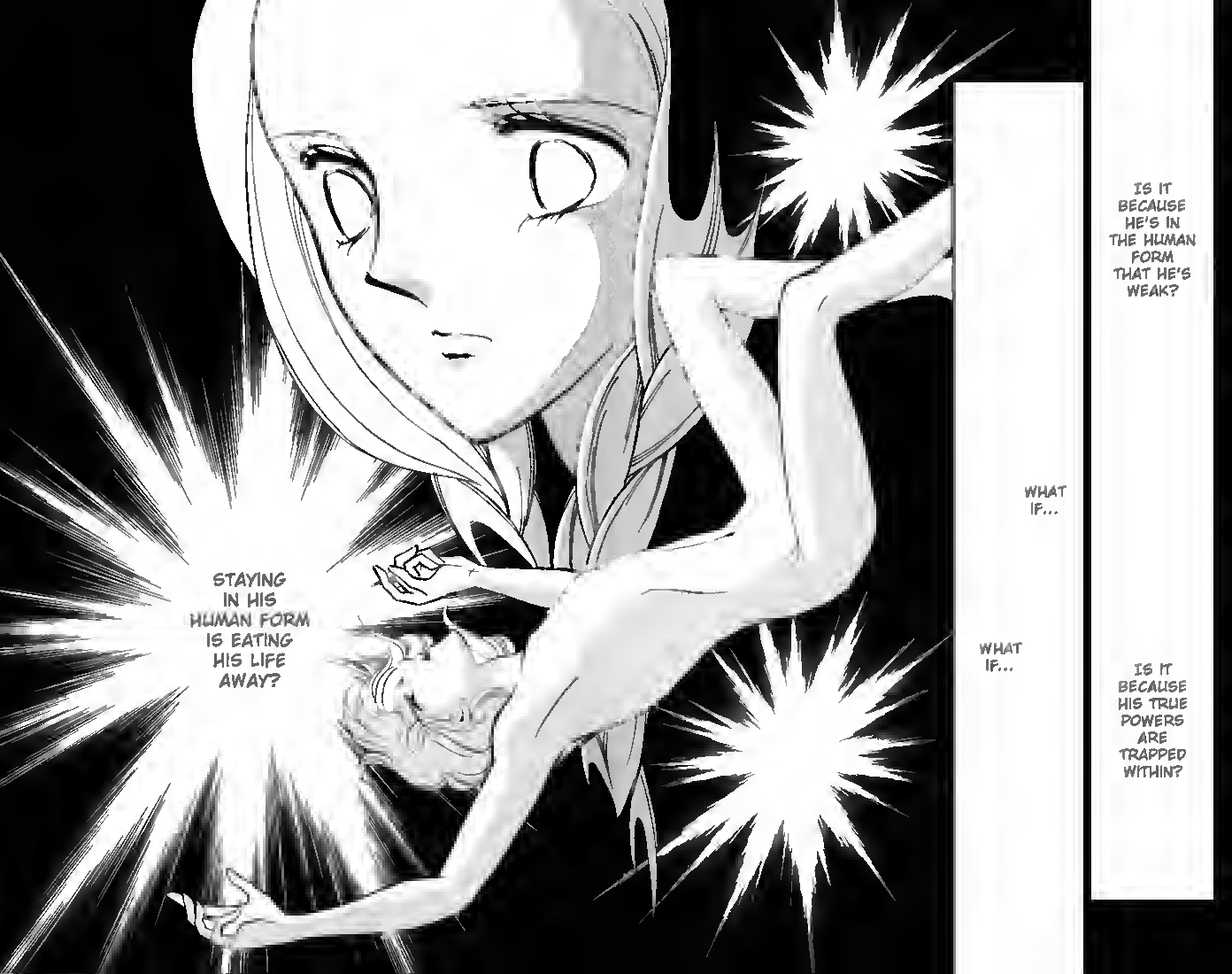
I WILL STATE THIS HONESTLY,
BUT I'M NOT TOO SURE ABOUT YUZURU-KUN'S CASE
WE HAVE NEVER FOUND ANYTHING WRONG WITH HIM EVER SINCE HE WAS A CHILD,
AND YET HIS HEART CONTINUES TO WEAKEN
DOCTOR,
DO YOU MEAN TO SAY THAT IF THIS CONTINUES...
HMM.

"THIS IS ALL I CAN DO FOR NOW."

THE DRAGON'S BLOOD RUNS IN THE NIKAIDOU LINEAGE.

THE NIKAIDOU HEIR WILL ONE DAY RETURN TO DRAGON FORM.

YUZURU-CHAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN WEAK...


STAYING IN HIS HUMAN FORM IS EATING HIS LIFE AWAY?
WHAT IF...
IS IT BECAUSE HE'S IN THE HUMAN FORM THAT HE'S WEAK?
WHAT IF...
IS IT BECAUSE HIS TRUE POWERS ARE TRAPPED WITHIN?

NIKAIDOU'S "RIKKA."

THE GIRL WHO WILL REVIVE THE WHITE DRAGON.

THE GIRL WHOM IZUMI HAS BEEN SEARCHING FOR.

I FOUND THIS OLD FAMILY TREE FROM THE RUINS OF THE NIKAIDOU FAMILY'S STORAGE.
TOWARDS THE END OF THE WARRING ERA, A MAIDEN WAS SENT TO ONE OF THE LORDS WHO LIVED IN THE MOUNTAINS. IN ORDER TO SAVE THE FAMILY
THAT'S MY MOTHER!
I ALSO HAVE THE NIKAIDOU BLOOD IN ME!!
Rattle Rattle

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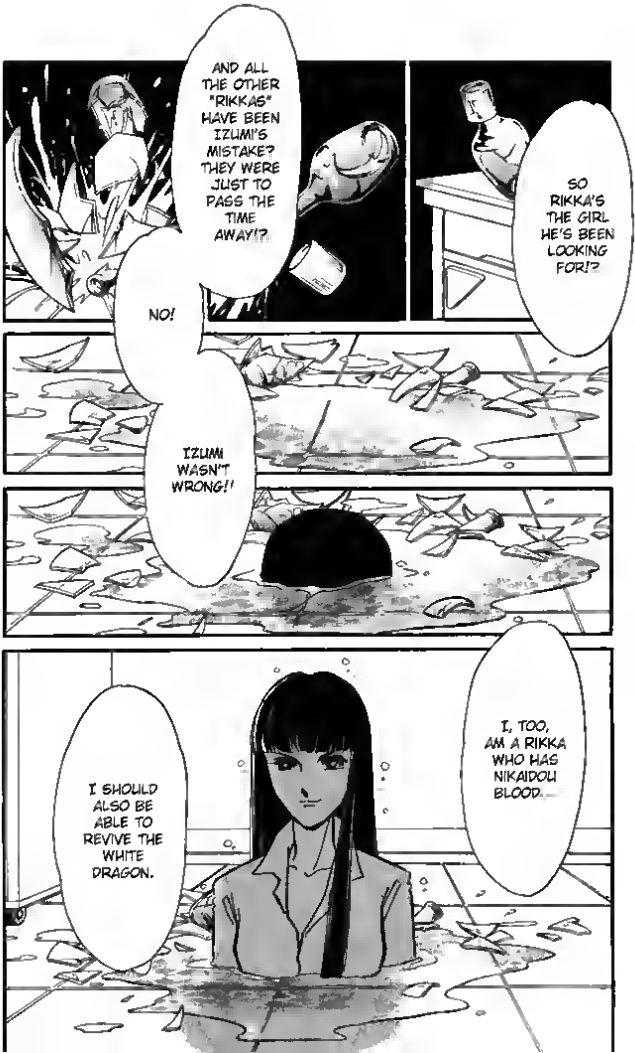
AND ALL THE OTHER "RIKKAS" HAVE BEEN IZUMI'S MISTAKE? THEY WERE JUST TO PASS THE TIME AWAY!?
SO RIKKA'S THE GIRL HE'S BEEN LOOKING FOR!?
NO!
IZUMI WASN'T WRONG!!
I, TOO, AM A RIKKA WHO HAS NIKAIDOU BLOOD.
I SHOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO REVIVE THE WHITE DRAGON.

ISN'T THAT TRUE, YUZURU?
IF I RETURN YOU TO DRAGON FORM,
THEN THAT MEANS I AM THE REAL "RIKKA."

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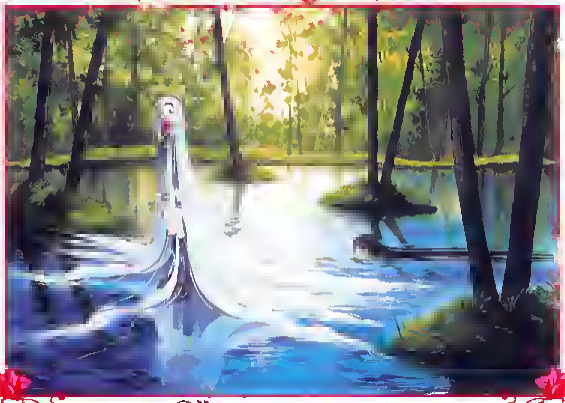

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There has always been some girl called "Rikka" by Izumi's side.
He has searched for many "Rikkas" over many years.
That was because "Rikka" is the girl who will revive the white dragon.
She is the one who will revive Izumi's other half, the white dragon.

And he finally found her!!
The Nikaidou maiden who will revive the white dragon,
Rikka Nikaidou.

According to the family tree from the Nikaidou storage, my mother was also a Nikaidou.
Therefore, I have Nikaidou blood in me as well!

Yes... Izumi had been getting closer to his target.

However, that Rikka wasn't the only one with Nikaidou blood.

THEN I SHOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO REVIVED THE WHITE DRAGON!!

I, TOO, AM A RIKKA WHO HAS NIKAIDOU BLOOD.
RIKKA ISN'T THE ONLY ONE.
CREAK

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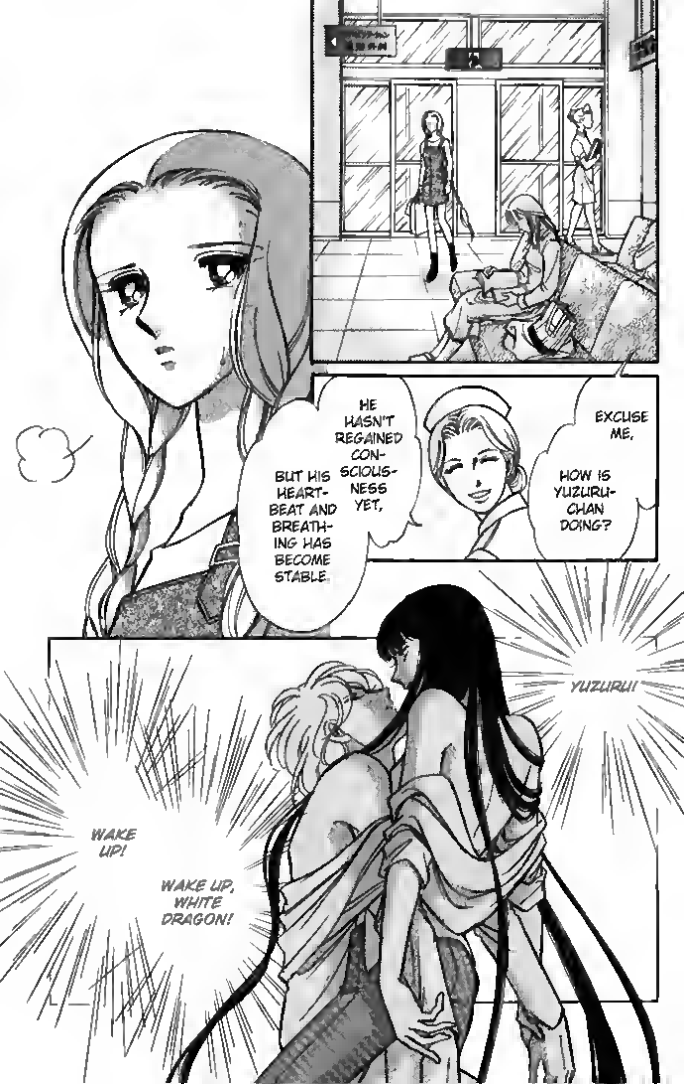
EXCUSE ME,
HOW IS YUZURU-CHAN DOING?
HE HASN'T REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS YET,
BUT HIS HEARTBEAT AND BREATHING HAS BECOME STABLE.
YUZURU!!
WAKE UP!
WAKE UP, WHITE DRAGON!

WHAT...?
WHAT IS THIS...?
SOMETHING... IS FLOWING IN?
SOMETHING THAT IS AWAKENING A POWER DEEP INSIDE...

A TRICK-LING ENERGY!!
RIKKA!?
YOU SEEM TO HAVE REGAINED YOUR SENSES
CAN YOU MOVE YOUR BODY?
I CAN DO IT....
PANT
PANT
!?

I CAN ALSO REVIVE THE WHITE DRAGON.
PANT
PANT
PANT
I CAN DO IT.
SHUDDER

STOP ...!!
THE INSIDE OF MY HEAD IS BURNING ...!!
SLIDE
YUZURU-CHAN, HOW ARE ..

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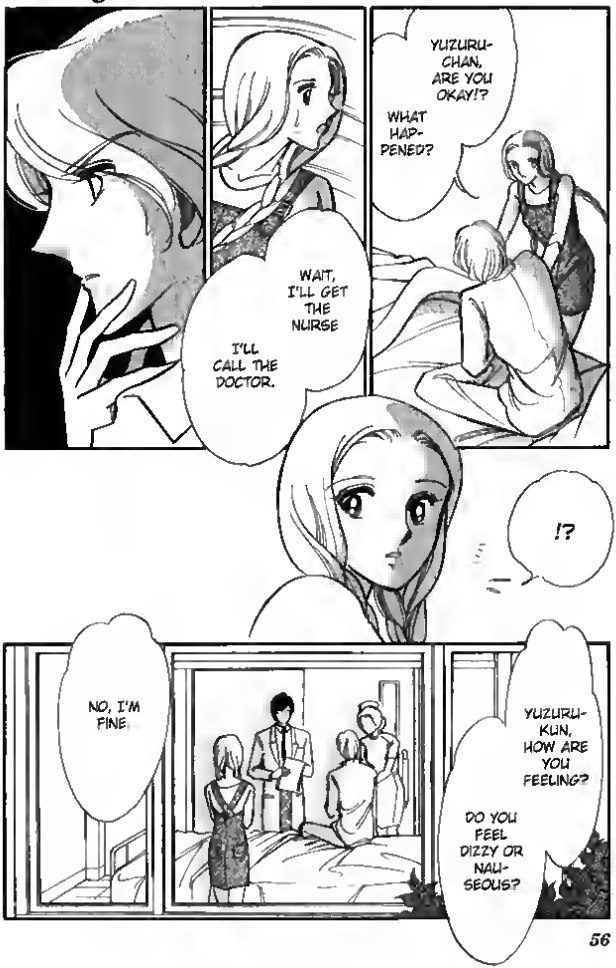
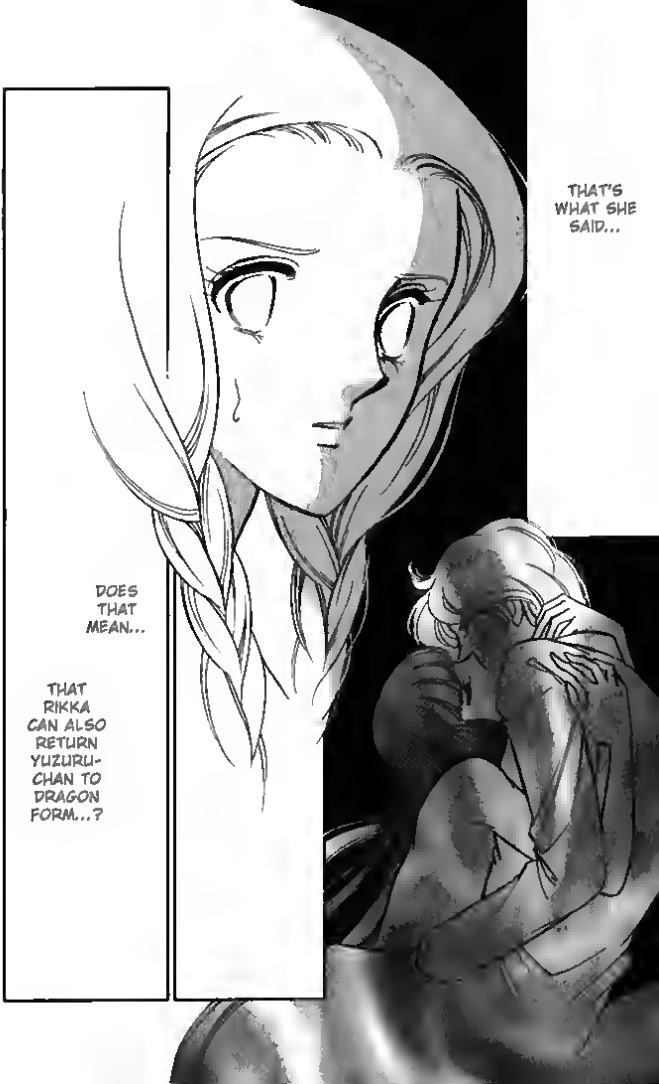
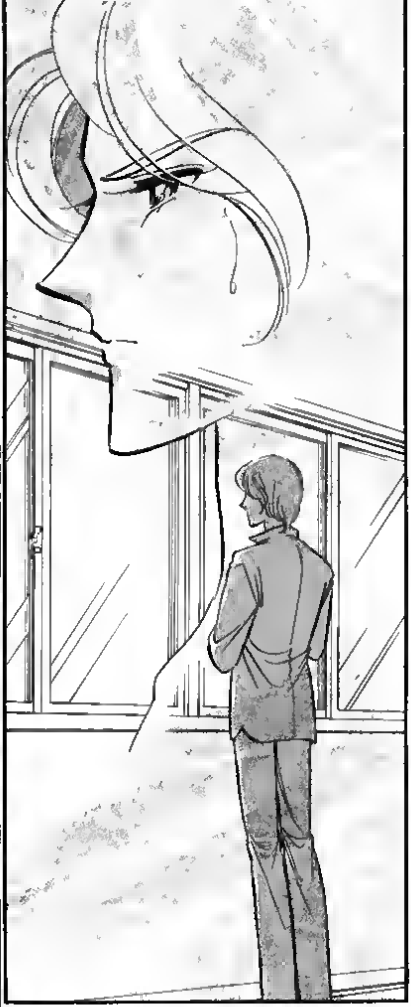
RIKKA!
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO YUZURU-CHAN!?
I SEE.
SO THE WHITE DRAGON WILL DEVOUR THE LIFE OF "RIKKA" TO REVIVE...
WHAT?
YOU AREN'T THE ONLY
NIKAIDOU'S "RIKKA"
SPLASH
RIKKA!!

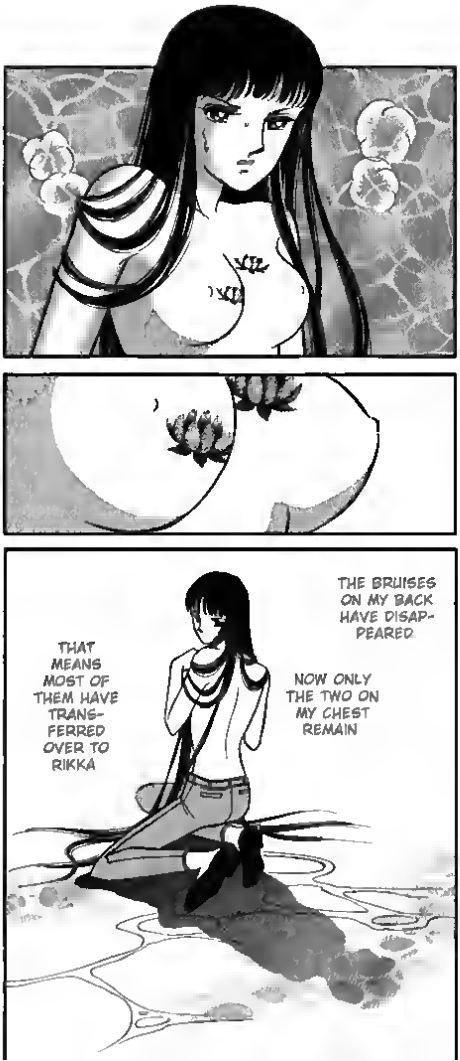

YUZURU-CHAN, ARE YOU OKAY!?
WHAT HAP-PENED?
WAIT, I'LL GET THE NURSE
I'LL CALL THE DOCTOR.
!?
YUZURU-KUN, HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
DO YOU FEEL DIZZY OR NAU-SEOUS?
NO, I'M FINE.

YOUR LOW BLOOD PRESSURE HAS RETURNED TO NORMAL.
WHAT A SURPRISE.
HMM
YOUR PULSE IS STABLE, AND THE ELECTROCARDIOGRAM ALSO SHOWS THE SAME
DOCTOR,
MAY I GO HOME, THEN?
WELL,
LET'S GIVE IT A COUPLE MORE DAYS AND THEN YOU CAN GO HOME.

"YOU AREN'T THE ONLY NIKAIDOU'S 'RIKKA.'"
YUZURU-CHAN'S BODY HAS RETURNED TO NORMAL.


THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID...
DOES THAT MEAN...
THAT RIKKA CAN ALSO RETURN YUZURU-CHAN TO DRAGON FORM...?




SPLASH
THE BRUISES ON MY BACK HAVE DISAPPEARED
NOW ONLY THE TWO ON MY CHEST REMAIN
THAT MEANS MOST OF THEM HAVE TRANSFERRED OVER TO RIKKA

I WAS ONLY A "FILLER."
WHEN ALL THE FLOWERS HAVE TRANS-FERRED OVER TO RIKKA, I WILL DIE
I WAS ONLY ONE OF THE FILLERS UNTIL HE FOUND THE REAL RIKKA
THAT'S WHAT I WAS TO IZUMI.
HMM, SO I GUESS IT WON'T BE LONG UNTIL RIKKA STARTS LIVING UNDER-WATER.

IZUMI,
IF YOU TAKE THE "RIKKA" THAT CAN REVIVE THE WHITE DRAGON FOR YOURSELF,
THEN WON'T THAT STOP THE WHITE DRAGON FROM REVIVING?
THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN MY INTENTION AT FIRST.
IT'S BEEN SO LONG THAT I'VE FORGOTTEN.
I MIGHT HAVE THOUGHT OF STEALING "RIKKA" SO THAT THE WHITE DRAGON CAN NEVER COME BACK.

BUT THAT'S WRONG
JUST TO BE SURE, THE "RIKKA" THAT YOU WANT
IS THE GIRL WHO WILL REVIVE THE WHITE DRAGON, RIGHT?
OF COURSE...
I CAN REVIVE THE WHITE DRAGON, TOO!
YOU SHOULD GO TAKE A LOOK AT YUZURU!!
HE'LL BE ABLE TO GO HOME SOON THANKS TO ME!!
THEN THAT WOULD BE ME
WHAT?
THAT'S NOT ENOUGH
I MUST FIGHT THE REVIVED WHITE DRAGON TO A PROPER END

TELL ME, IZUMI.
HAVE YOU EVER LOVED ME?
THAN THE RIKKAS BEFORE ME OR THE NEW RIKKA?
HAVE YOU EVER CARED MORE FOR ME
...
OF COURSE NOT... ALTHOUGH I'VE LIVED BY YOUR SIDE FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS,
NOT ONCE DID YOU TAKE ME SERIOUSLY.
YOU GAVE ME MY LIFE...
SO I HAD THOUGHT THAT WAS ENOUGH.

BUT IF I REVIVE THE WHITE DRAGON
THEN WILL YOU ACCEPT THAT I AM THE REAL "RIKKA!?"
IF I GET DEVOURED BY THE WHITE DRAGON FOR HIS REVIVAL, WILL YOU ACCEPT IT!?
BEFORE THESE MARKS DISAPPEAR FROM MY BODY,

I WASN'T EXPECTING HIM TO,
BUT I GUESS IZUMI WON'T CHASE AFTER ME.
IS THAT FROM THE WATER SURFACE?
BUBBLE
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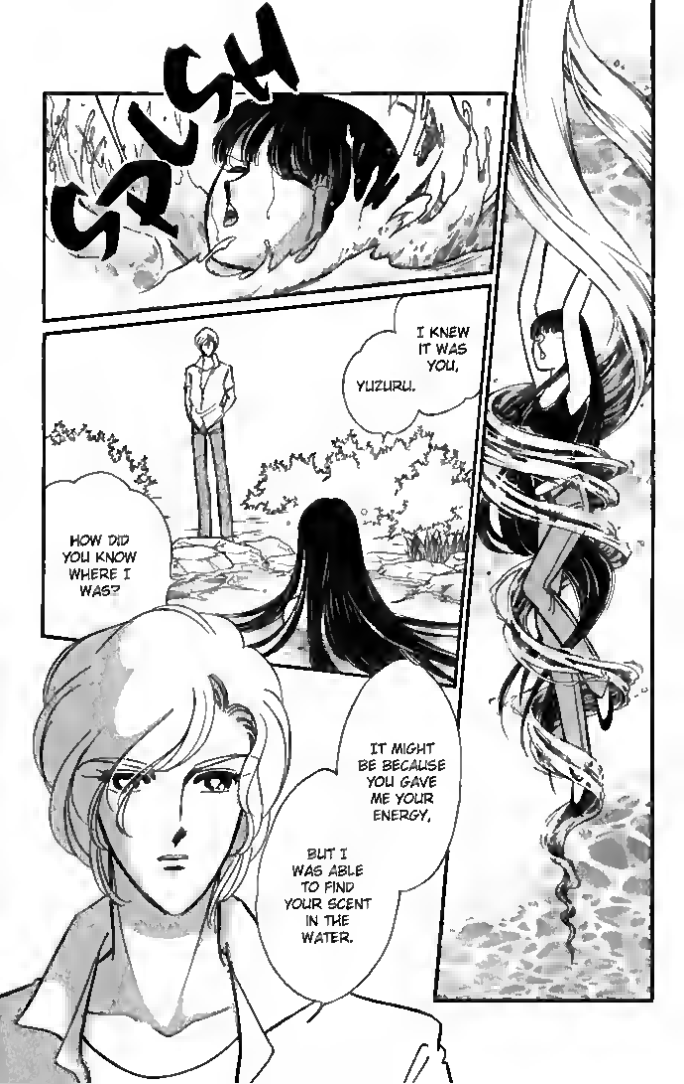

SPLSH
I KNEW IT WAS YOU, YUIZURU.
HOW DID YOU KNOW WHERE I WAS?
IT MIGHT BE BECAUSE YOU GAVE ME YOUR ENERGY,
BUT I WAS ABLE TO FIND YOUR SCENT IN THE WATER.

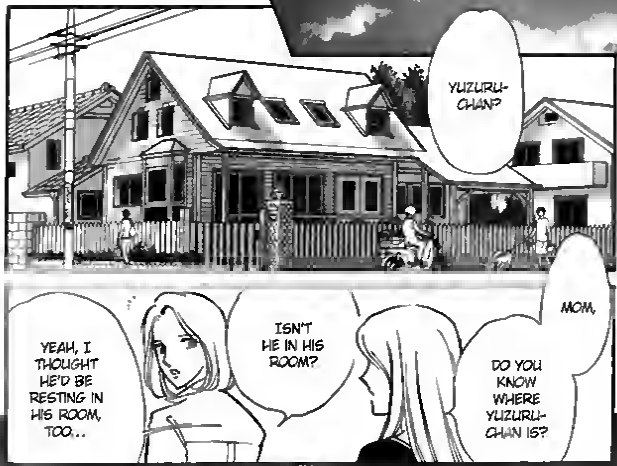
I SEE
SO?
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
WILL YOU LET ME HAVE YOU?
WHAT?
YOU SAID IT YOURSELF,
THAT YOU CAN REVIVE THE WHITE DRAGON.
I WANT TO FIGHT THE BLACK DRAGON, AND END ALL THIS
I WANT YOU TO DO THAT.

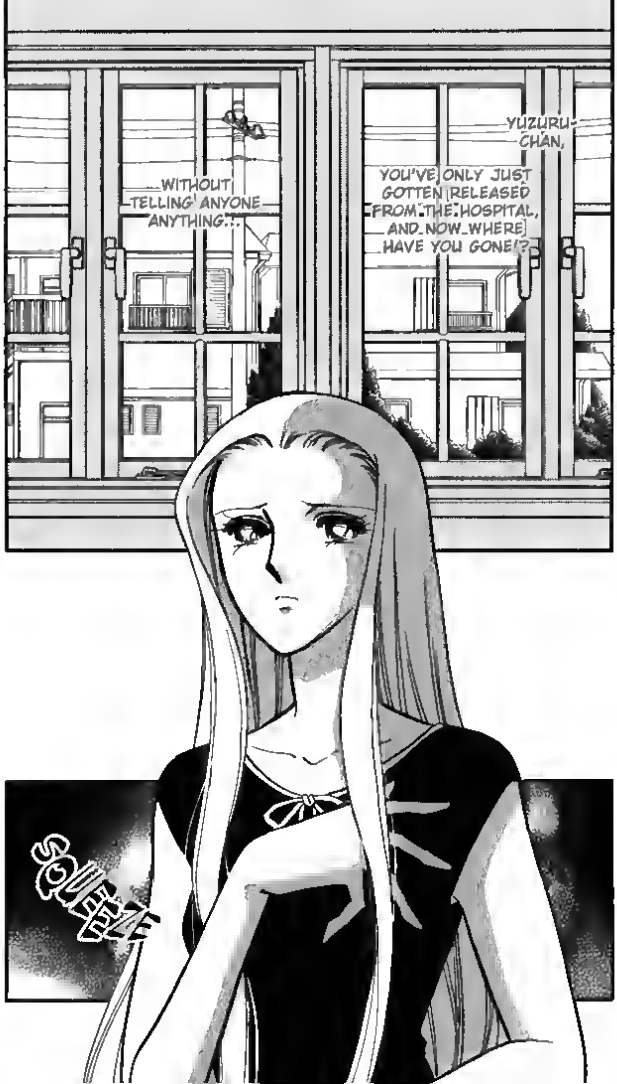
I KNOW THAT WHAT I'M SAYING IS HORRIBLE.
I DIDN'T WANT TO DEVOUR RIKKA IF I HAD KEPT THE WHITE DRAGON SEALED.
BUT TO SAY THAT IT'S FINE IF IT'S SOMEONE ELSE,
IS NOTHING BUT SELFISH ARROGANCE.
FINE.

SO LET'S GO THERE
I HAVE A RENTED APART-MENT IN THIS WORLD,
ANY-WHERE...
FINE, WHERE SHALL WE DO IT?

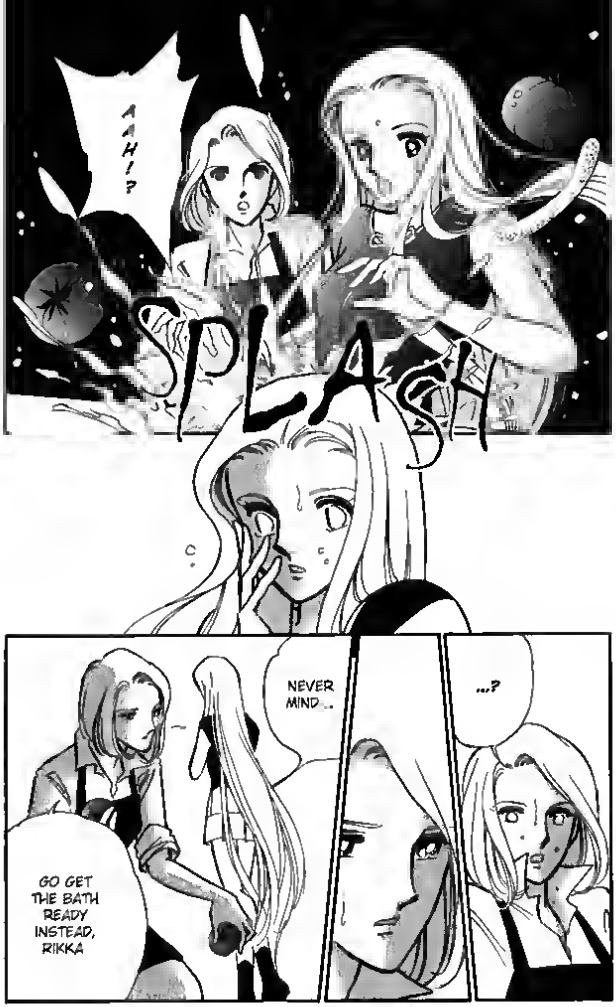
AREN'T YOU SCARED?
YOU'RE GOING TO LOSE YOUR LIFE
AND WHAT ABOUT YOU?

I'M
NOT SCARED TO LOSE MYSELF.
RIKKA!!


YUZURU-CHAN?
MOM,
DO YOU KNOW WHERE YUZURU-CHAN IS?
ISN'T HE IN HIS ROOM?
YEAH, I THOUGHT HE'D BE RESTING IN HIS ROOM, TOO...
YUZURU-CHAN,
WHERE DID YOU GO?


YUZURU-CHAN,
YOU'VE ONLY JUST GOTTEN RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL, AND NOW WHERE HAVE YOU GONE!?
WITHOUT TELLING ANYONE ANYTHING...
SOLEMN

HELP ME COOK YUZURU-SAN'S FAVOR-ITE DISHES TO CELEBRATE HIS RETURN.
IF HE LEFT WITH-OUT TAK-ING HIS CELL PHONE,
THEN I'M SURE HE'LL COME HOME SOON.
!?
SOMETHING IS STORM-ING INSIDE OF ME
RIKKA?
SOMETHING IRRITATES ME ..
SPLASH


AAH!?
SPLASH
NEVER MIND...
...?
GO GET THE BATH READY INSTEAD, RIKKA

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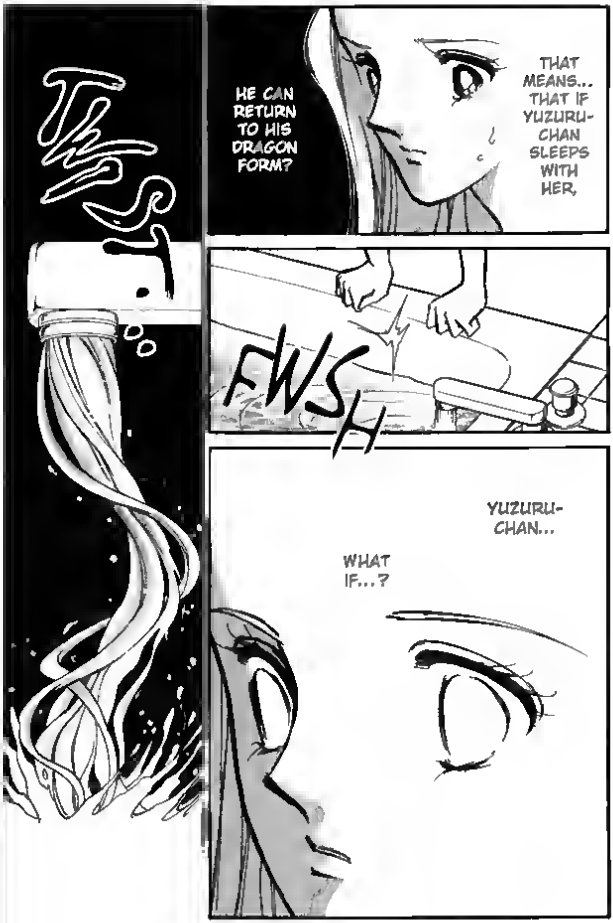
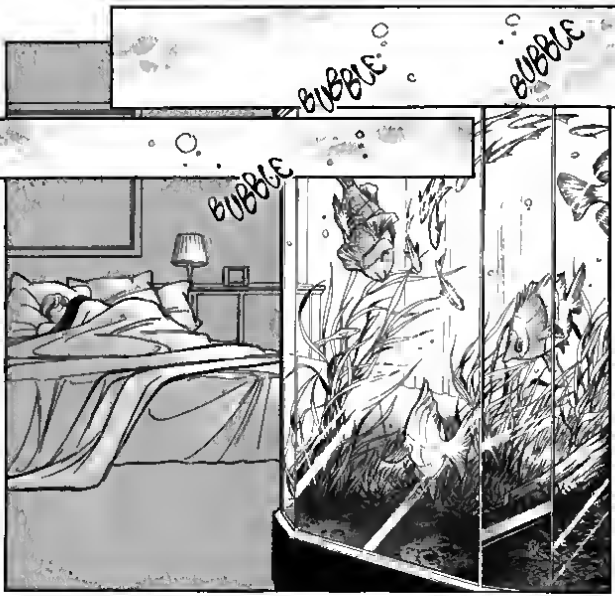

THAT MEANS... THAT IF YUZURU-CHAN SLEEPS WITH HER,
HE CAN RETURN TO HIS DRAGON FORM?
FWSH
YUZURU-CHAN...
WHAT IF...?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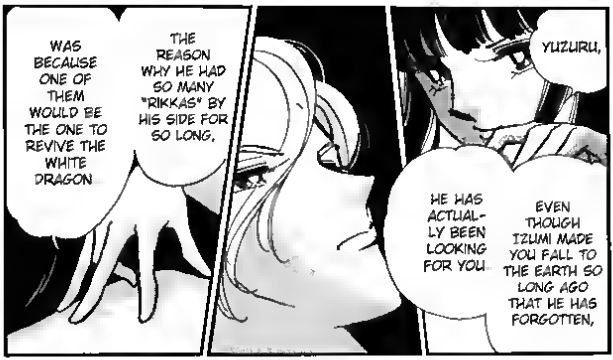
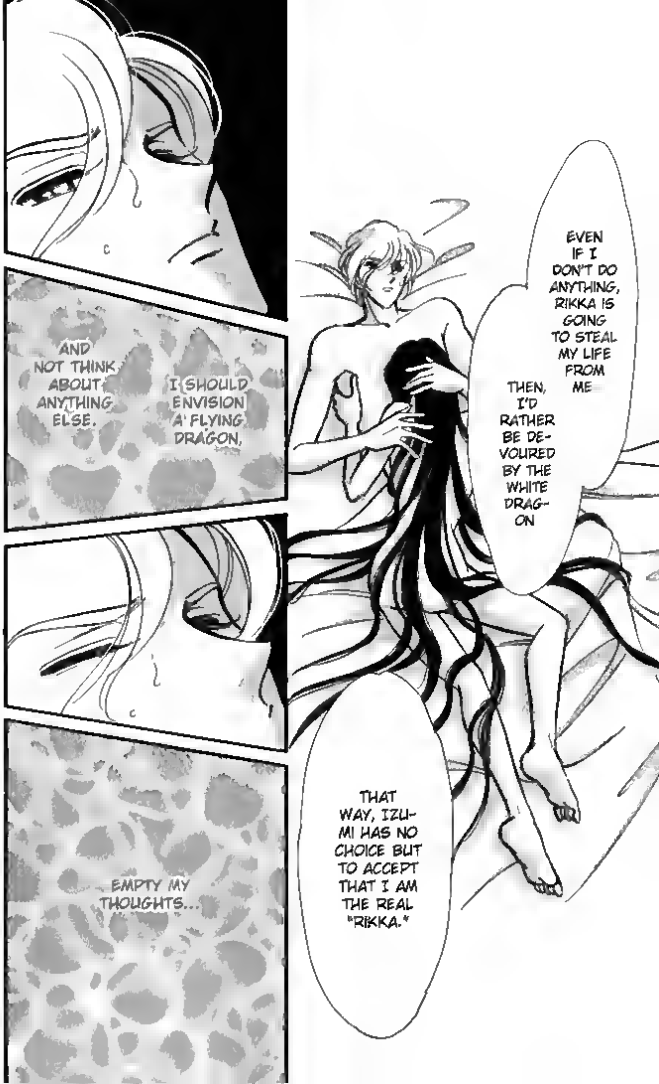

YUZURU,
EVEN THOUGH IZUMI MADE YOU FALL TO THE EARTH SO LONG AGO THAT HE HAS FORGOTTEN,
HE HAS ACTUALLY BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU.
THE REASON WHY HE HAD SO MANY "RIKKAS" BY HIS SIDE FOR SO LONG,
WAS BECAUSE ONE OF THEM WOULD BE THE ONE TO REVIVE THE WHITE DRAGON.

EVER SINCE FIGURING OUT YOUR TRUE IDENTITY,
EVERY OTHER THING IZUMI SAYS IS
WHITE DRAGON THIS, AND WHITE DRAGON THAT.
IT'S ALMOST AS IF HE HAS FALLEN IN LOVE WITH THE WHITE DRAGON.
THAT'S WHY I'M GOING TO REVIVE THE WHITE DRAGON FOR HIM
I WILL DO IT, AND NOT THE OTHER RIKKA.


EVEN IF I DON'T DO ANYTHING, RIKKA IS GOING TO STEAL MY LIFE FROM ME
THEN, I'D RATHER BE DEVOURED BY THE WHITE DRAGON
THAT WAY, IZUMI HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO ACCEPT THAT I AM THE REAL "RIKKA."
AND NOT THINK ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE.
I SHOULD ENVISION A FLYING DRAGON,
EMPTY MY THOUGHTS...

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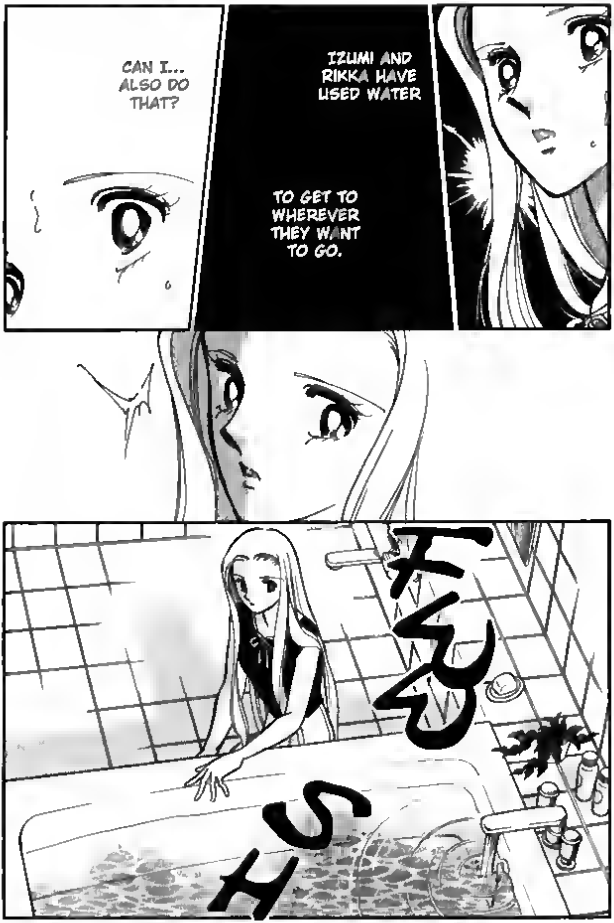
YUZURU-CHAN!!
ARE YOU WITH RIKKA!?
NO!! I WON'T STAND IT!!
WHERE HAVE YOU GONE!? WHERE ARE YOU!?


CAN I... ALSO DO THAT?
IZUMI AND RIKKA HAVE USED WATER
TO GET TO WHEREVER THEY WANT TO GO.
FWOOSH

WHERE IS YUZURU-CHAN!?
TELL ME WHERE YUZURU-CHAN IS!!
SHOW ME THE NEAREST WATER ROUTE TO WHERE YUZURU-CHAN IS!!
BUBBLE
wH IRL

WHIRL
WHAT IS IT, YUZURU?
DON'T GET DISTRACTED.
WAIT, THE AQUARIUM...
!?
WHAT?

CRAck
RATTLE
RATTLE

RIKKA!?

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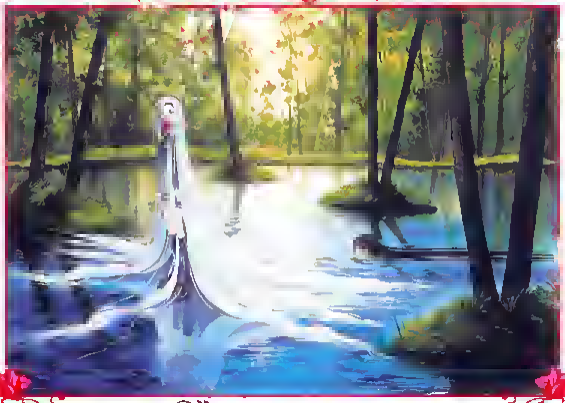

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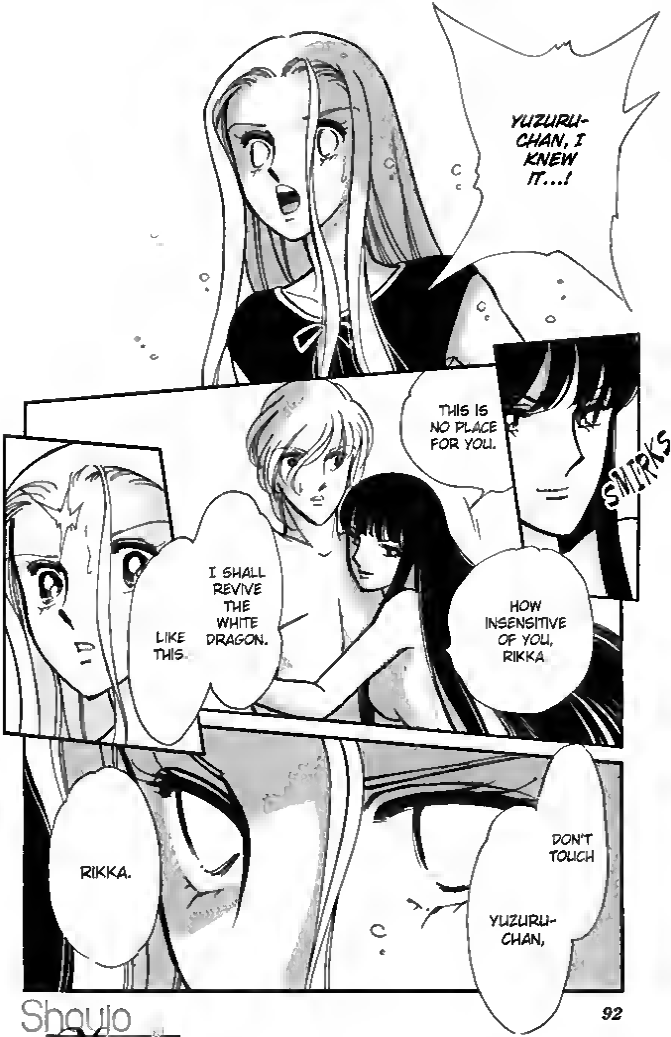

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SWIRL
TOUCH?
WHAT A CUTE THING TO SAY, LITTLE GIRL.
RIKKA?

HMM.
SO YOU CAN CONTROL WATER NOW.
BUT YOU'VE GOT A LONG WAY TO GO.
I'M STILL MUCH ...
!?
DIZZY
SWIRL
FALL
DON'T YOU DARE COME CLOSE TO YUZURU-CHAN EVER AGAIN!!

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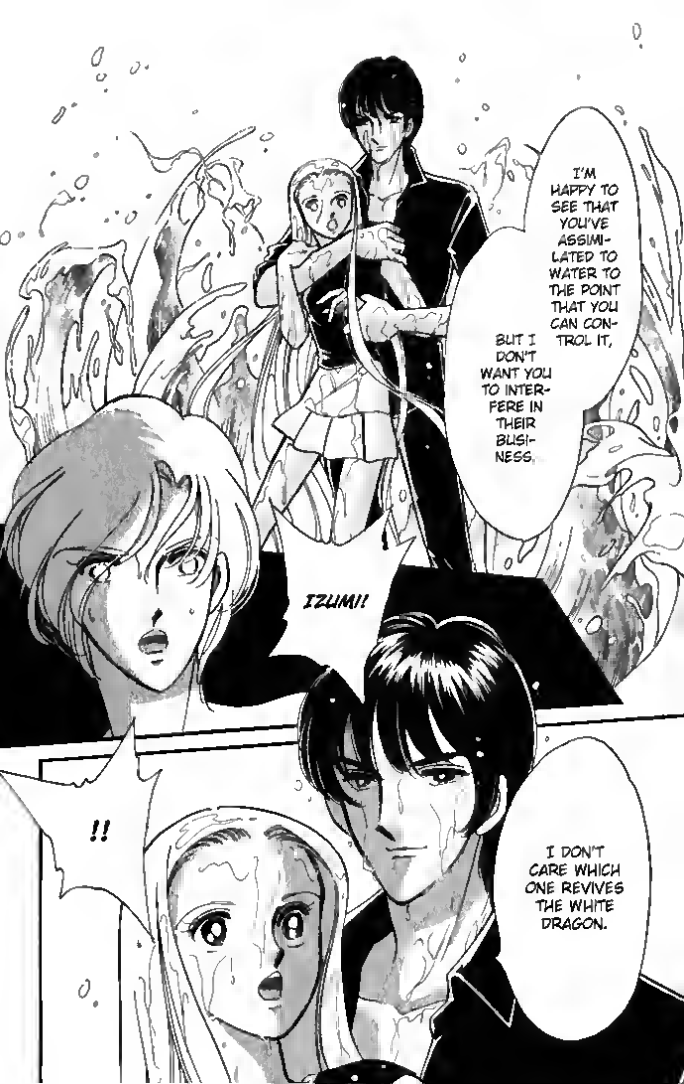
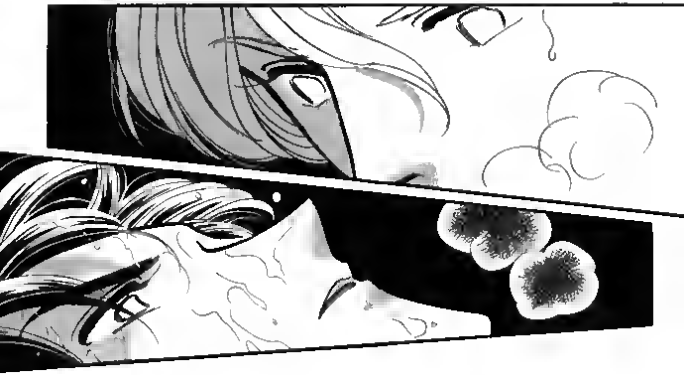
AAH!?


I'M HAPPY TO SEE THAT YOU'VE ASSIMILATED TO WATER TO THE POINT THAT YOU CAN CONTROL IT,
BUT I DON'T WANT YOU TO INTERFERE IN THEIR BUSINESS.
IZUMI!
!!
I DON'T CARE WHICH ONE REVIVES THE WHITE DRAGON.

RIKKA!
SQUEEZE
!
GRAB
IF THAT RIKKA WILL REVIVE THE WHITE DRAGON,
THEN THIS RIKKA IS IN THE WAY.
YUZURU-CHAN!



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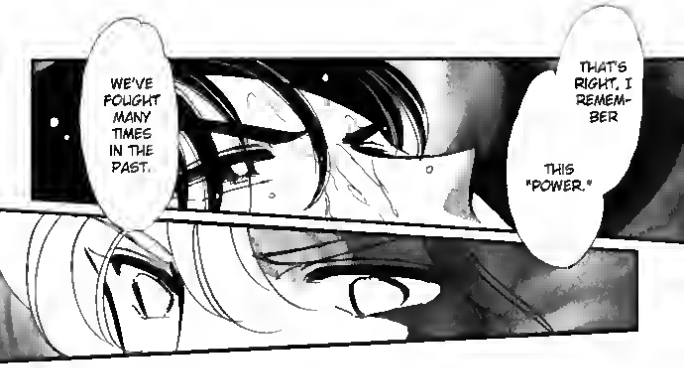


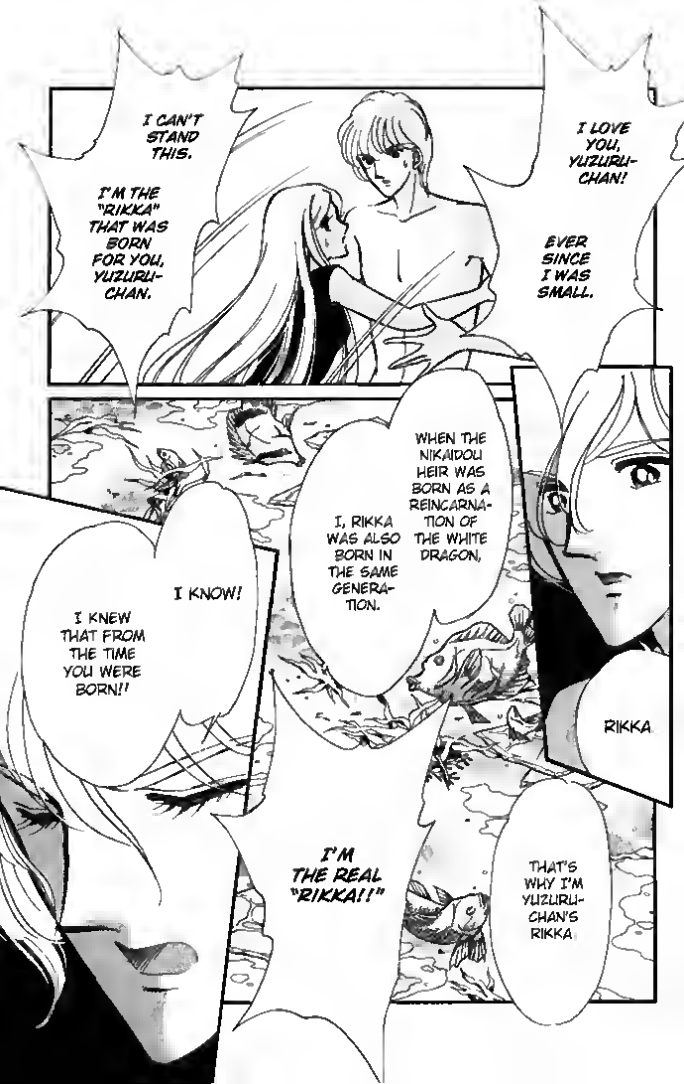
I'VE FOUGHT HIM MANY TIMES IN THE ANCIENT PAST.

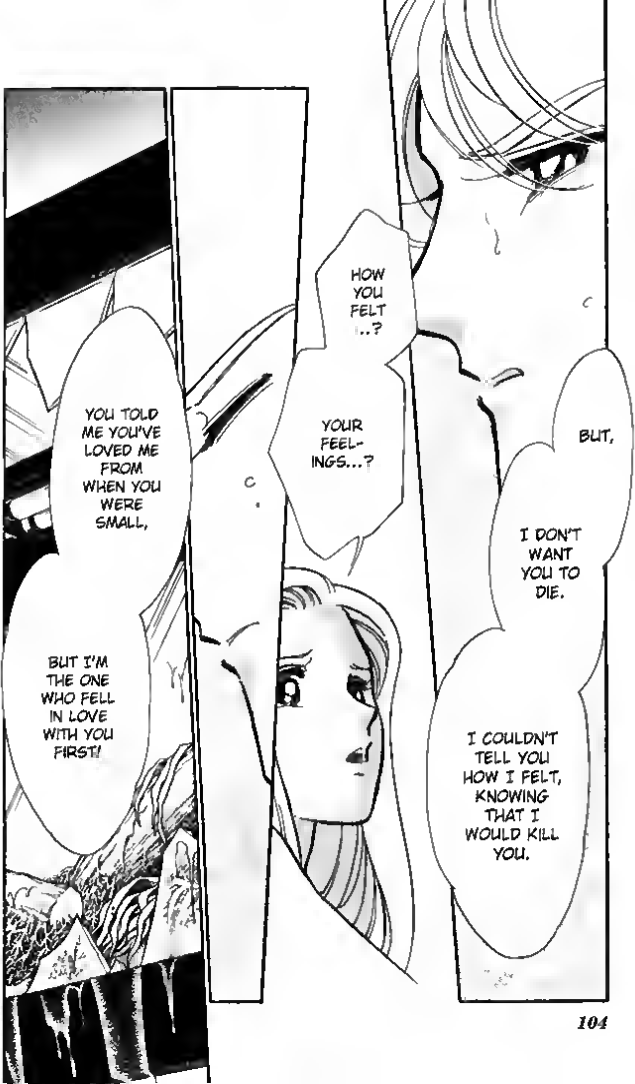
I DO...

REMEMBER IT...

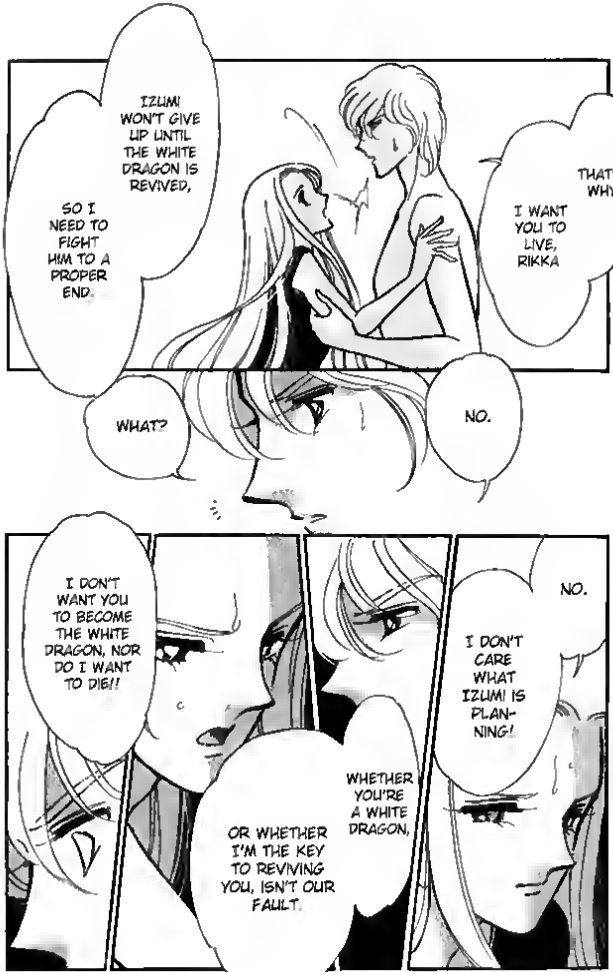
I DON'T CARE WHICH ONE IT IS
JUST TAKE ONE OF THE RIKKAS AND HURRY UP AND REVIVE.
WHITE DRAGON.
SPLASH
LET'S GO, RIKKA.

FALL
PANT
PANT
RIKKA,
I'M SORRY ...
YUZURU-CHAN!


I CAN'T STAND THIS.
I'M THE "RIKKA" THAT WAS BORN FOR YOU, YUZURU-CHAN.
I LOVE YOU, YUZURU-CHAN!
EVER SINCE I WAS SMALL.
WHEN THE NIKAIDOU HEIR WAS BORN AS A REINCARNATION OF THE WHITE DRAGON,
I, RIKKA WAS ALSO BORN IN THE SAME GENERATION.
RIKKA
I KNOW!
I KNEW THAT FROM THE TIME YOU WERE BORN!!
I'M THE REAL "RIKKA!!"
THAT'S WHY I'M YUZURU-CHAN'S RIKKA


I COULDN'T TELL YOU HOW I FELT, KNOWING THAT I WOULD KILL YOU.
BUT, I DON'T WANT YOU TO DIE.
HOW YOU FELT ..?
YOUR FEEL-INGS...?
YOU TOLD ME YOU'VE LOVED ME FROM WHEN YOU WERE SMALL,
BUT I'M THE ONE WHO FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU FIRST!

I'M THE ONE WHO
FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU...
FIRST...


IZUMI WON'T GIVE UP UNTIL THE WHITE DRAGON IS REVIVED,
SO I NEED TO FIGHT HIM TO A PROPER END.
THAT'S WHY I WANT YOU TO LIVE, RIKKA
WHAT?
NO.
I DON'T WANT YOU TO BECOME THE WHITE DRAGON, NOR DO I WANT TO DIE!!
OR WHETHER I'M THE KEY TO REVIVING YOU, ISN'T OUR FAULT.
WHETHER YOU'RE A WHITE DRAGON,
NO.
I DON'T CARE WHAT IZUMI IS PLANNING!

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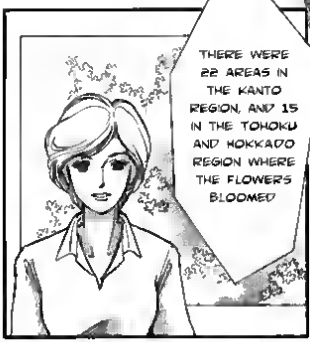
YOU'LL SEE...
I'LL MAKE THE BOTH OF US SURVIVE.
RIKKA!?



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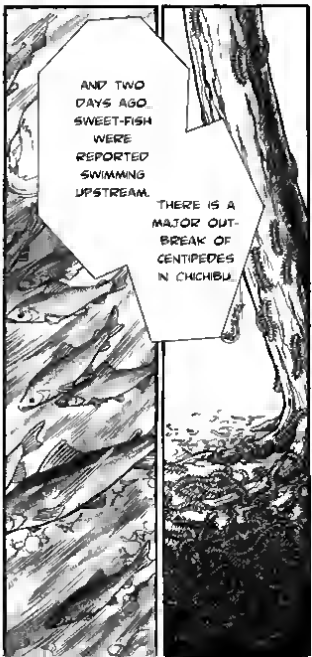
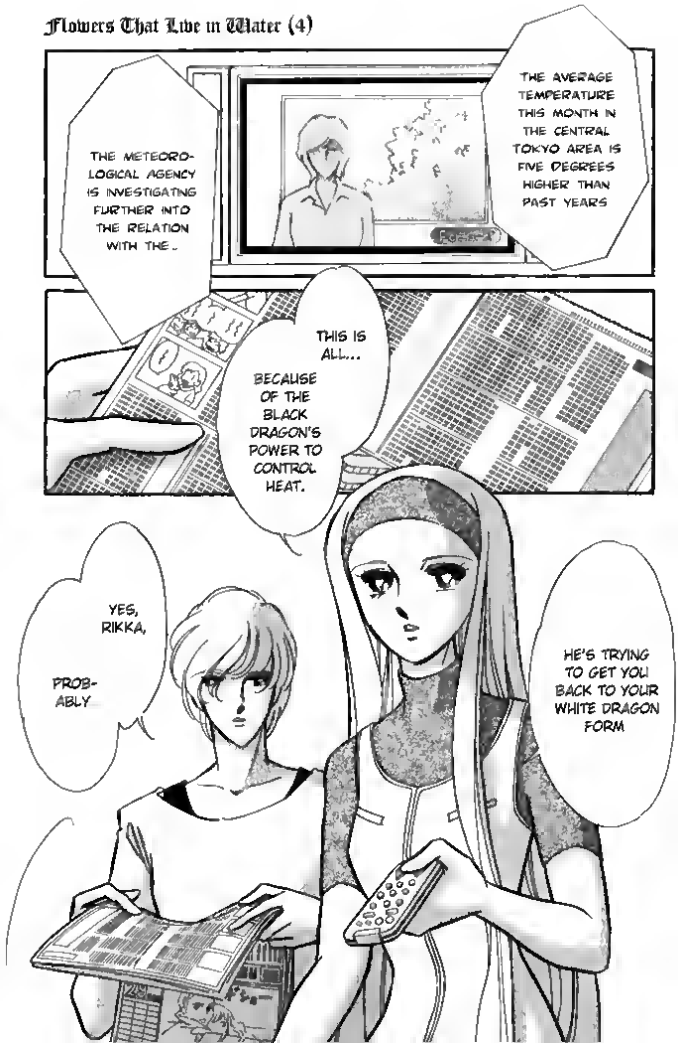
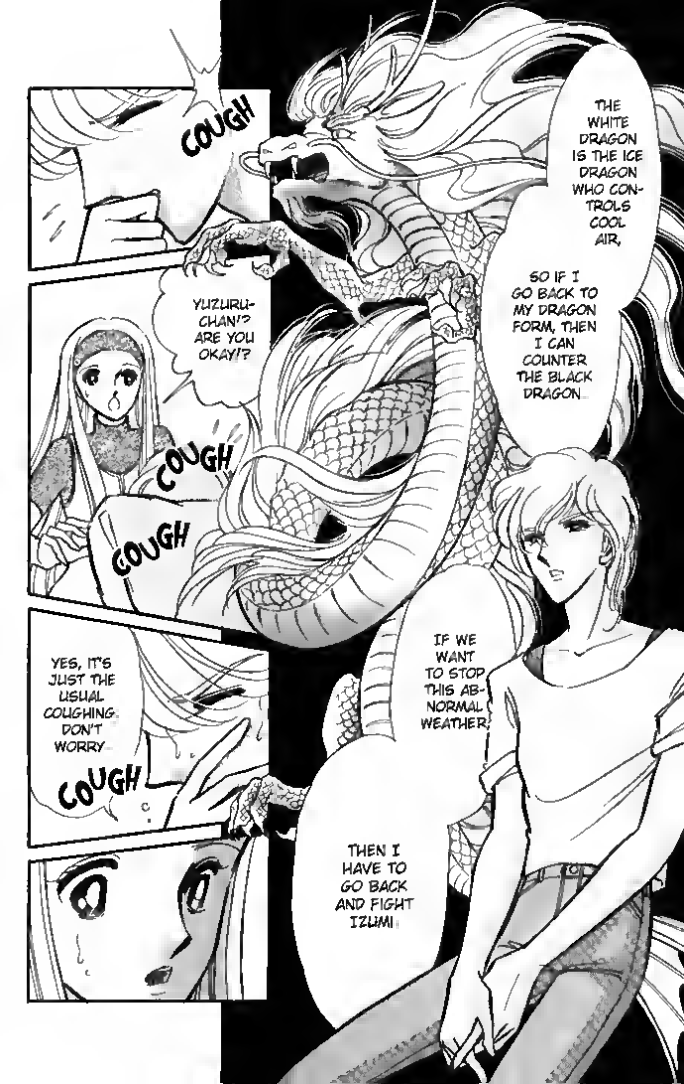
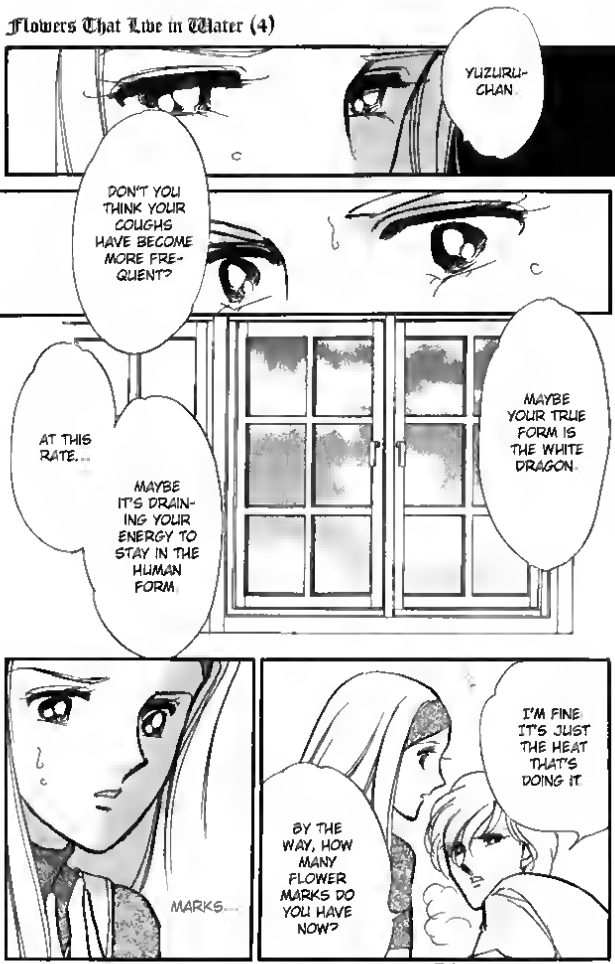
FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF OFF-SEASON CHERRY BLOSSOMS BLOOMING




THE METEORO-LOGICAL AGENCY IS INVESTIGATING FURTHER INTO THE RELATION WITH THE..
THE AVERAGE TEMPERATURE THIS MONTH IN THE CENTRAL TOKYO AREA IS FIVE DEGREES HIGHER THAN PAST YEARS
THIS IS ALL...
BECAUSE OF THE BLACK DRAGON'S POWER TO CONTROL HEAT.
YES, RIKKA,
PROB-ABLY
HE'S TRYING TO GET YOU BACK TO YOUR WHITE DRAGON FORM


COUGH
YUZURU-CHAN!? ARE YOU OKAY!?
COUGH
COUGH
YES, IT'S JUST THE USUAL COUGHING. DON'T WORRY.
COUGH
THE WHITE DRAGON IS THE ICE DRAGON WHO CONTROLS COOL AIR.
SO IF I GO BACK TO MY DRAGON FORM, THEN I CAN COUNTER THE BLACK DRAGON.
IF WE WANT TO STOP THIS ABNORMAL WEATHER,
THEN I HAVE TO GO BACK AND FIGHT IZUMI.


YUZURU-CHAN.
DON'T YOU THINK YOUR COUGHS HAVE BECOME MORE FREQUENT?
AT THIS RATE...
MAYBE IT'S DRAINING YOUR ENERGY TO STAY IN THE HUMAN FORM.
MAYBE YOUR TRUE FORM IS THE WHITE DRAGON.
MARKS...
BY THE WAY, HOW MANY FLOWER MARKS DO YOU HAVE NOW?
I'M FINE IT'S JUST THE HEAT THAT'S DOING IT.

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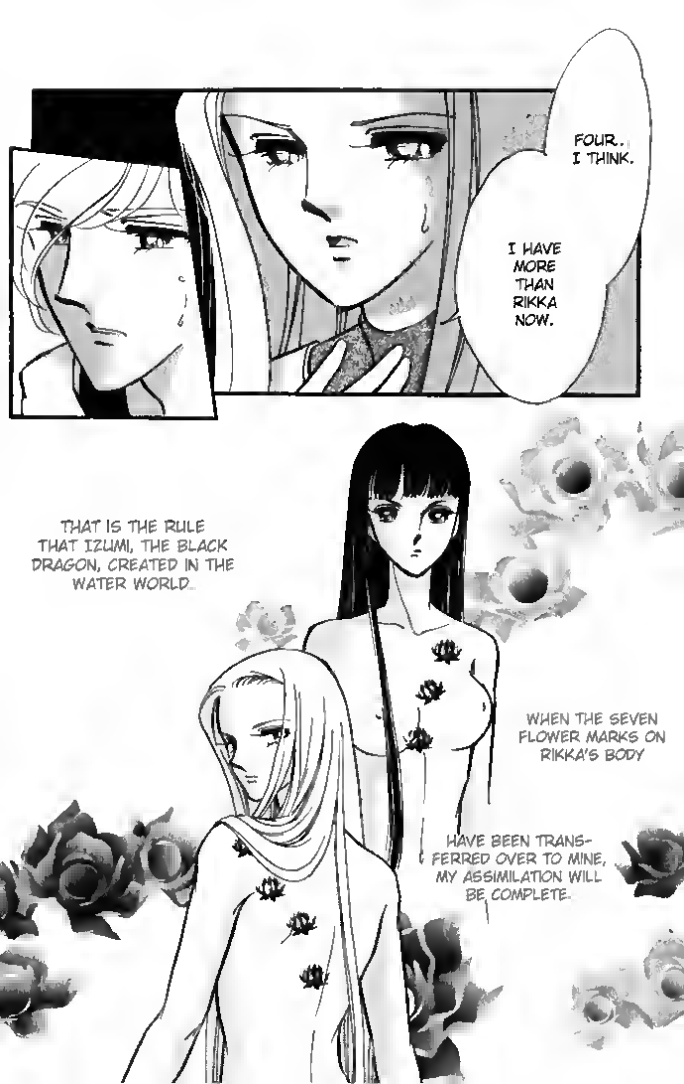
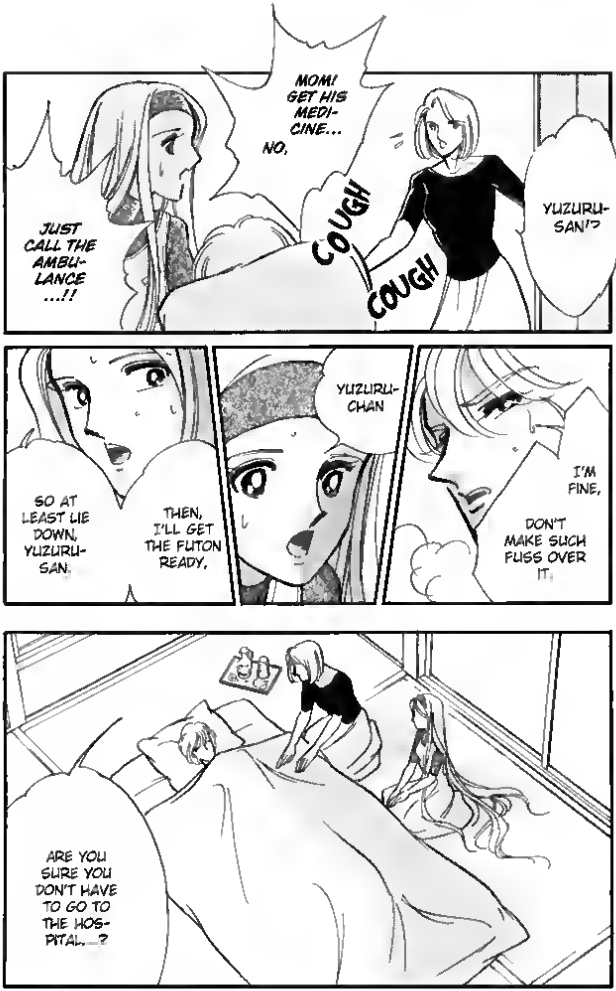
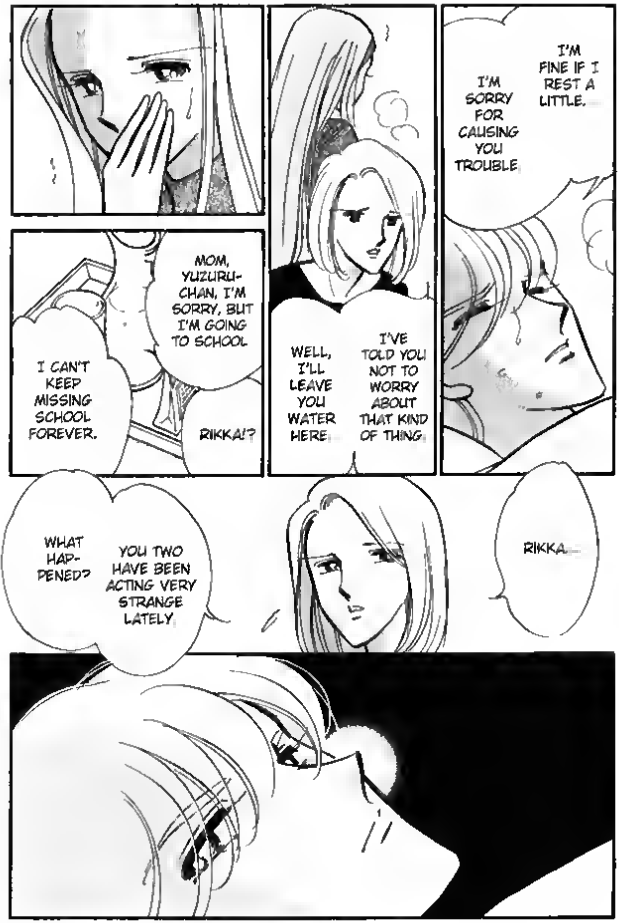
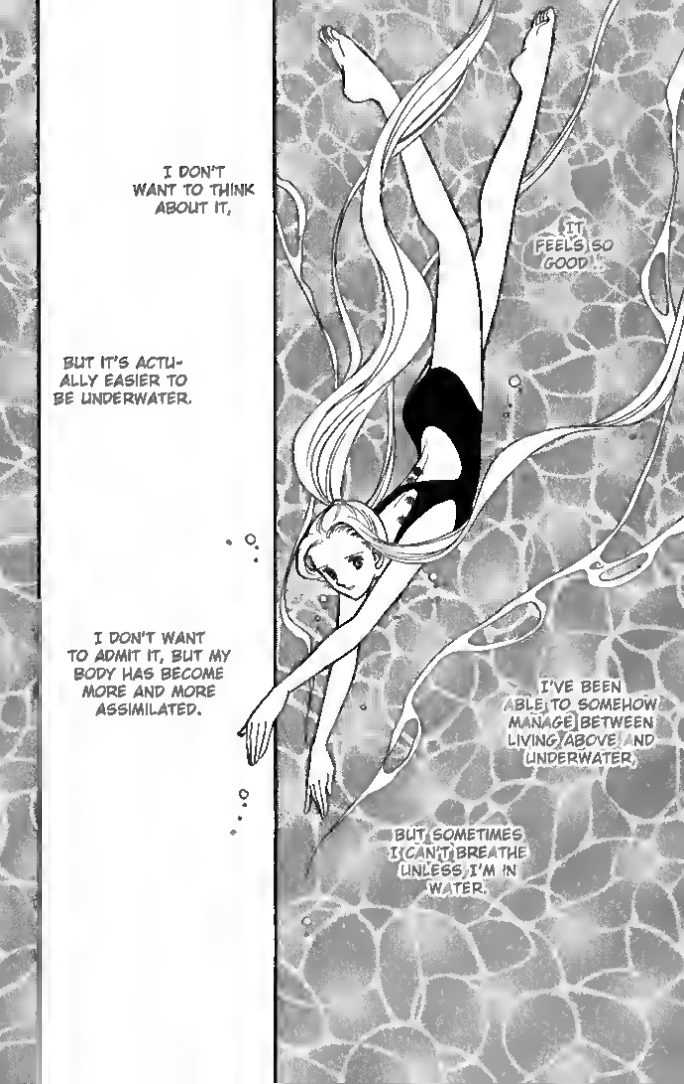

FOUR.. I THINK.
I HAVE MORE THAN RIKKA NOW.
THAT IS THE RULE THAT IZUMI, THE BLACK DRAGON, CREATED IN THE WATER WORLD.
WHEN THE SEVEN FLOWER MARKS ON RIKKA'S BODY
HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED OVER TO MINE, MY ASSIMILATION WILL BE COMPLETE.

URG...
RIKKA
COUGH
COUGH
COUGH
YUZURU-CHAN!
WOBBLE
YUZURU-CHAN!


MOM! GET HIS MEDICINE...
NO.
COUGH COUGH
YUZURU-SAN!?
JUST CALL THE AMBULANCE ...!!
YUZURU-CHAN
I'M FINE,
DON'T MAKE SUCH FUSS OVER IT.
THEN, I'LL GET THE FUTON READY.
SO AT LEAST LIE DOWN, YUZURU-SAN.
ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL...?

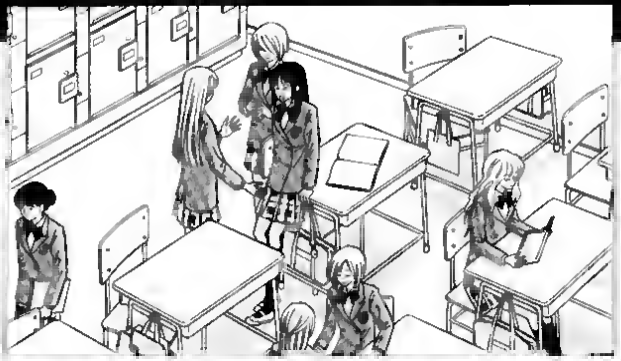

I'M FINE IF I REST A LITTLE.
I'M SORRY FOR CAUSING YOU TROUBLE.
I'VE TOLD YOU NOT TO WORRY ABOUT THAT KIND OF THING.
WELL, I'LL LEAVE YOU WATER HERE.
MOM, YUZURU-CHAN, I'M SORRY, BUT I'M GOING TO SCHOOL
I CAN'T KEEP MISSING SCHOOL FOREVER.
RIKKA!?
RIKKA...
YOU TWO HAVE BEEN ACTING VERY STRANGE LATELY.
WHAT HAP-PENED?

SPLASH


I DON'T WANT TO THINK ABOUT IT,
BUT IT'S ACTUALLY EASIER TO BE UNDERWATER.
I DON'T WANT TO ADMIT IT, BUT MY BODY HAS BECOME MORE AND MORE ASSIMILATED.
IT FEELS SO GOOD!
I'VE BEEN ABLE TO SOMEHOW MANAGE BETWEEN LIVING ABOVE AND UNDERWATER.
BUT SOMETIMES I CAN'T BREATHE UNLESS I'M IN WATER.

I DON'T WANT THIS!!

I DON'T WANT TO ADMIT IT!



AH!
GOOD MORNING.
GOOD MORNING, RIKKA.
I HEARD YOU WEREN'T FEELING SO WELL?
BUT YOU WERE SWIMMING THIS MORNING, SO YOU'RE OKAY?
I MEAN, SINCE YOU'RE ABLE TO COME OUT TO SWIM PRACTICE
Shh!
EVERYONE HAS STARTED TO WONDER ABOUT ME...
WELL, OF COURSE.
IT'S NOT NORMAL TO BE ABLE TO STAY UNDERWATER FOR 20 MINUTES.
!?

WHAT ABOUT RIKKA ...
IS MIZUCHI-SAN ALSO ABSENT?
THE SCHOOL GOT A LETTER FROM THE FAMILY SAYING SHE'S BEEN HOSPITAL-IZED.
SHE'D BEEN SAYING SHE WAS WEAK.
COME TO THINK OF IT, SHE ONLY CAME TO SCHOOL FOR A FEW DAYS AFTER SHE TRANS-FERRED.
SO RIKKA HAS GOTTEN WEAKER TOO.
THE MORE I ASSIMILATE TO WATER, THE MORE RIKKA'S LIFE IS WEAKENING
I KNOW ALL TOO WELL THAT RIKKA IS ALSO DESPERATE...

BUT I DON'T WANT TO LIVE IN WATER, EITHER

BUT WHAT SHOULD I DO? HOW CAN I ACHIEVE THAT!?

I WANT TO LIVE WITH YUZURU-CHAN AS NORMAL PEOPLE.

I CAN DEFINITELY FEEL MY BODY GROWING WEAKER.
I SUPPOSE MY TRUE FORM IS THE WHITE DRAGON.

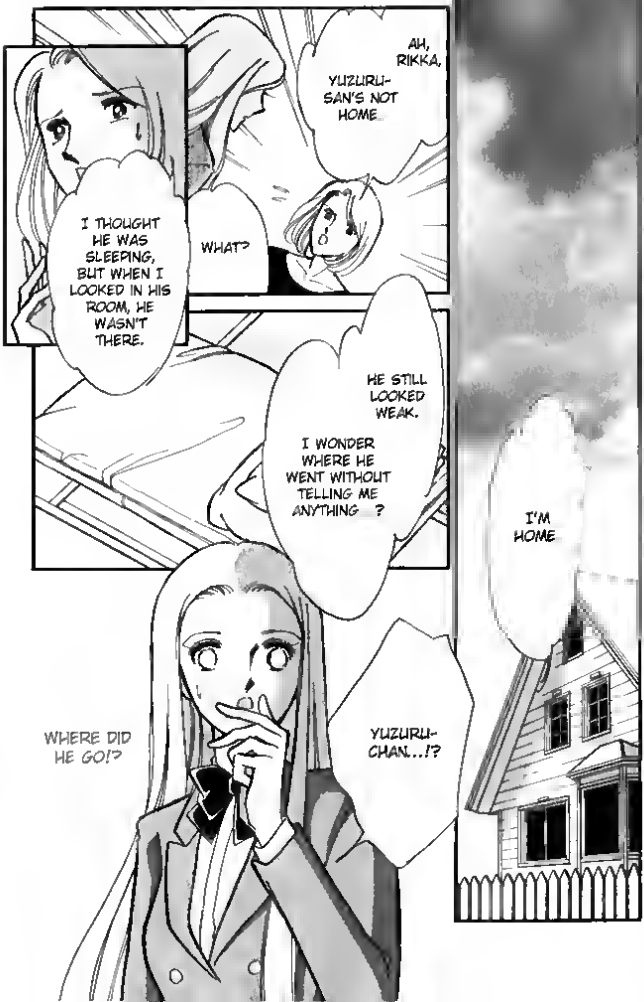
RIKKA'S ASSIMILATION IS PROGRESS-ING TOO. I DON'T HAVE TIME

MY GRAND-FATHER AND MY FATHER, TOO...

ALL THE ELDEST SONS WITH DRAGON BLOOD HAVE LIVED SHORT LIVES.

IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT, AS THE LAST GENERATION, MY LIFE WOULD BE SHORTEST.

I WANT TO BE ABLE TO
MOVE FREELY...


AH, RIKKA.
YUZURU-SAN'S NOT HOME
WHAT?
I THOUGHT HE WAS SLEEPING, BUT WHEN I LOOKED IN HIS ROOM, HE WASN'T THERE.
HE STILL LOOKED WEAK.
I WONDER WHERE HE WENT WITHOUT TELLING ME ANYTHING ?
I'M HOME
YUZURU-CHAN...!?
WHERE DID HE GO!?

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WANGANSEN

PANT...
IT'S HARD TO BREATHE.
BUT...
MY BODY IS HEAVY AND I FEEL DIZZY.

I'VE NEVER FELT THIS BEFORE.
SNIFF
BUT I FEEL SOMETHING...
BUT...

THERE IS A MYSTERIOUS THIN SWEET SCENT IN THE ATMOSPHERE

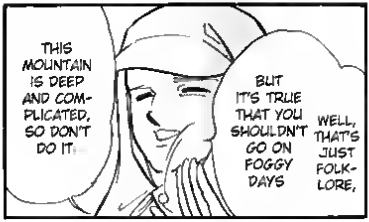
WHAT IS THIS?
WHY AM I DRIVING THROUGH THIS PLACE?
PANT
BUT I CAN'T RESIST IT.

SCREECH
MY BREATHING HAS GOTTEN EASIER
CLACK
THIS IS IT

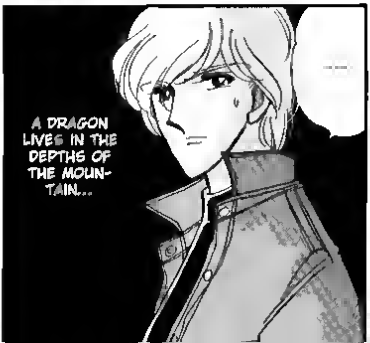
IN THE DEPTHS OF THAT MOUN-TAIN.
THIS IS IT...

YOU THERE.
YES?
WHAT HAVE YOU COME TO DO AT THIS HOUR?
YOU CAN'T DRIVE FURTHER THAN THIS
I, ERR
EVEN THE PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE AREA GET LOST.
SOMEONE DRESSED LIKE THAT FROM THE CITY WILL SURELY NOT BE ABLE TO FIND HIS WAY
.....
THIS MAY BE NONE OF OUR BUSINESS,
BUT ON DAYS LIKE THIS, A FOG ALWAYS FOLLOWS
THAT'S WHY WE CUT SHORT OUR SEARCH FOR WILD PLANTS, AND CAME BACK EARLY
A FOG?
THAT'S RIGHT. YOU MUSTN'T ENTER THE MOUNTAIN ON FOGGY DAYS.

THAT'S RIGHT. IF YOU ENTER THE MOUNTAINS ON A FOGGY NIGHT,
THERE'S BEEN A SAYING FROM LONG AGO...
YOU'LL ANGER THE DRAGON GOD.
DRAGON GOD?
THEY SAY THAT A DRAGON LIVES IN THE DEPTHS OF THIS MOUNTAIN.
ON FOGGY DAYS, THE DRAGON GOD'S GATE OPENS FOR HIM TO ROAM AROUND.
THAT'S WHY IF YOU GO IN THE MOUNTAINS, YOU'LL NEVER COME BACK.


THIS MOUNTAIN IS DEEP AND COMPLICATED, SO DON'T DO IT.
BUT IT'S TRUE THAT YOU SHOULDN'T GO ON FOGGY DAYS
WELL, THAT'S JUST FOLKLORE,

THANK YOU.
I UNDERSTAND I'LL GO HOME


A DRAGON LIVES IN THE DEPTHS OF THE MOUNTAIN...

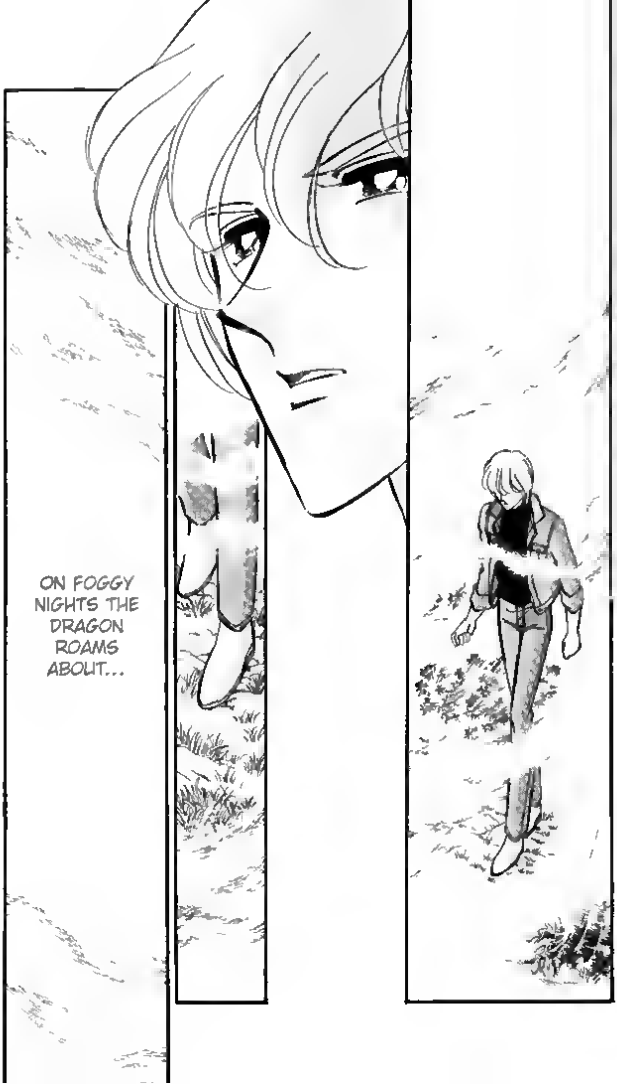
THE DRAGON LIVES THERE!?

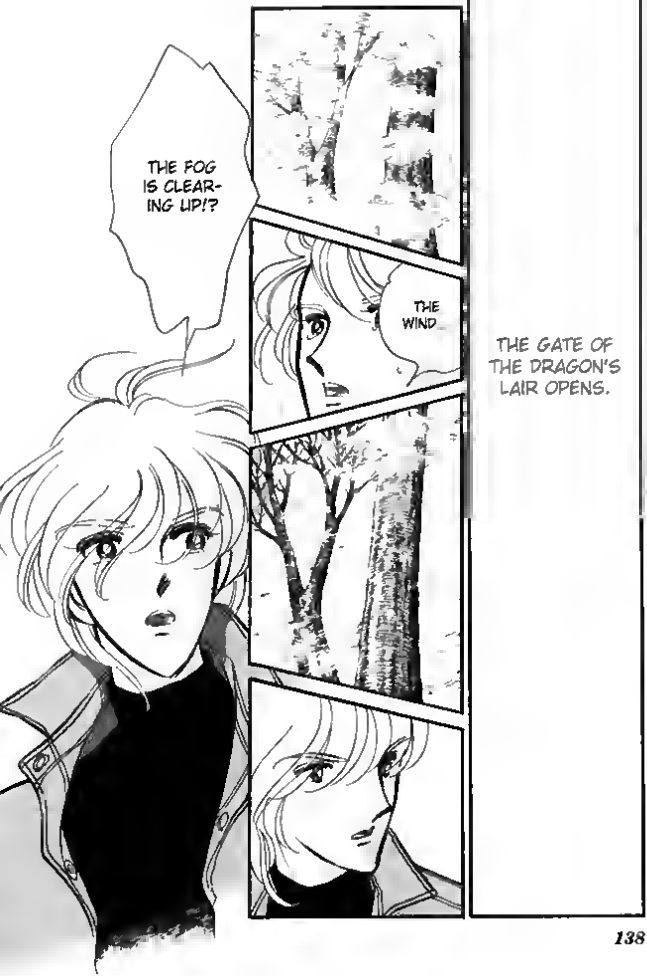
SO I MUST HAVE BEEN CALLED FORTH BY SOME-THING
THE FOLK-LORE OF THE DRAGON'S LAIR...

IT'S A FOG
!?

ONE WOULD INDEED GET LOST IN THIS
AND I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING
I DON'T KNOW WHICH WAY I CAME FROM ANYMORE,
...!!
MY BODY HAS BECOME LIGHTER...?
AND I CAN BREATHE EASIER NOW.
ALONG WITH THE FOG,

I KNOW...
IT'S THIS WAY.


ON FOGGY NIGHTS THE DRAGON ROAMS ABOUT...


THE FOG IS CLEARING UP!?
THE WIND
THE GATE OF THE DRAGON'S LAIR OPENS.

WHAT ...!?

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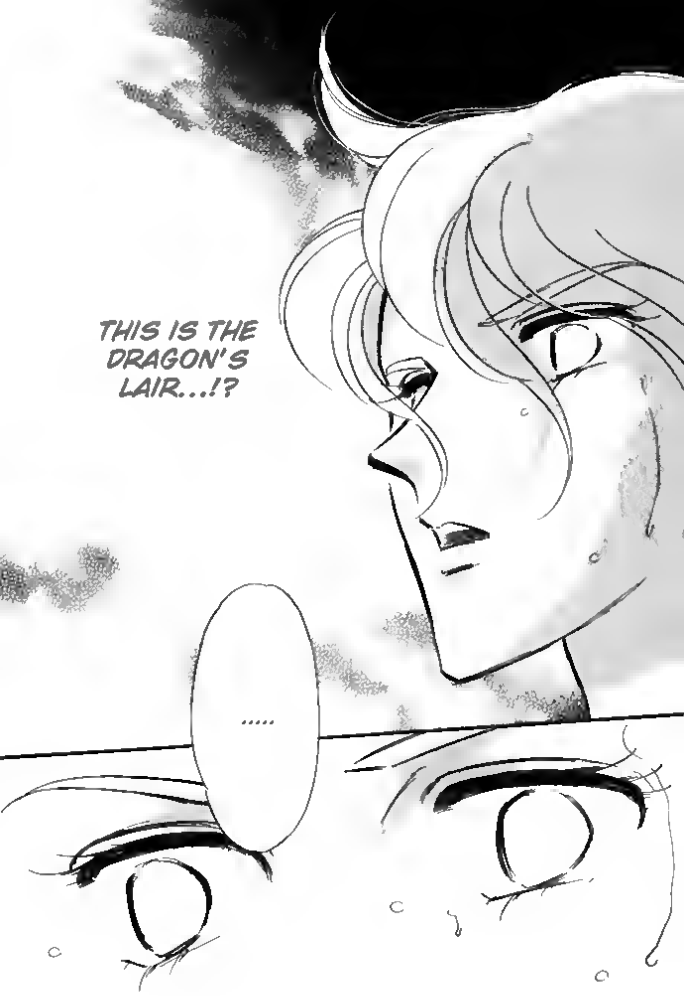
!!
IS THIS PERHAPS ...
THE ICE LAKE THAT RIKKA WAS TALKING ABOUT, WHERE A FLOWER BLOOMS EVERY 49 YEARS!?
IS THIS THE LAKE OF THE GOLDEN SEED THAT SAVED RIKKA'S LIFE!?


THIS IS THE DRAGON'S LAIR...!?
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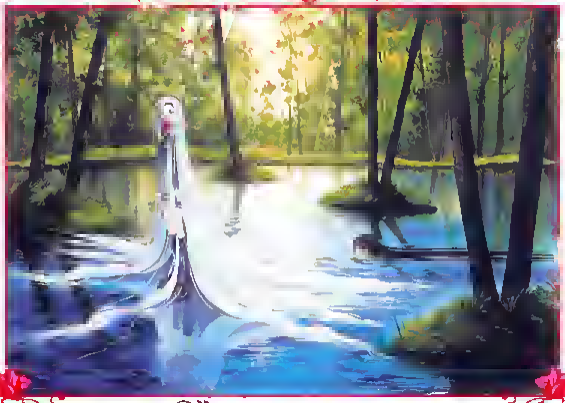

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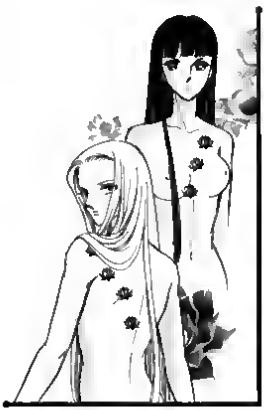
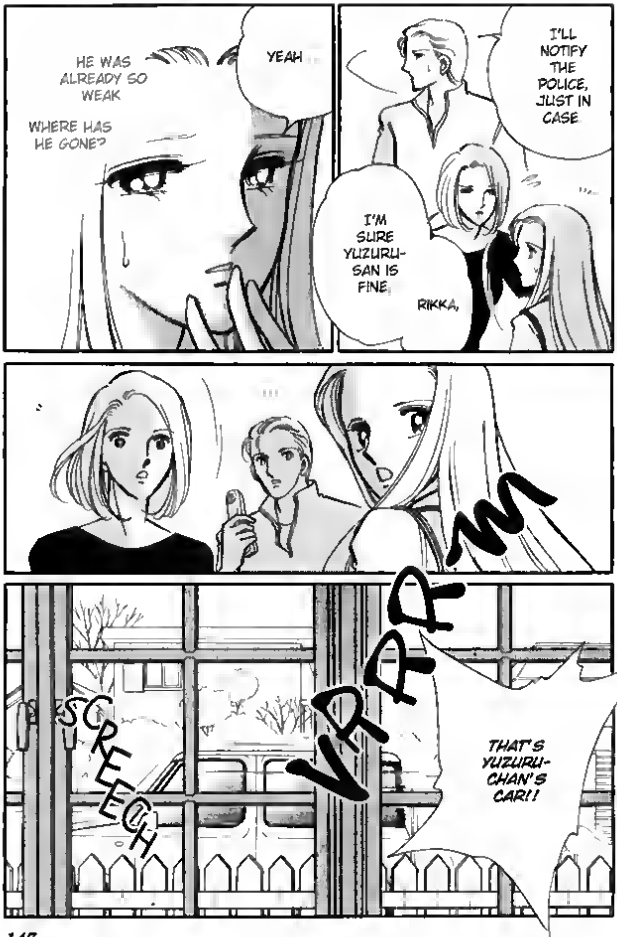
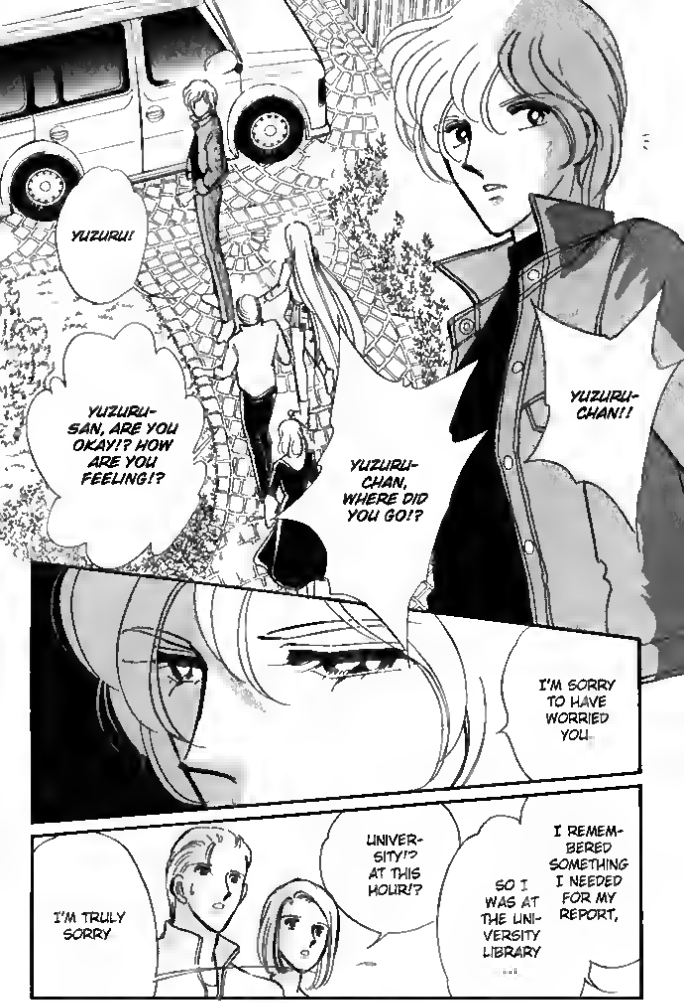
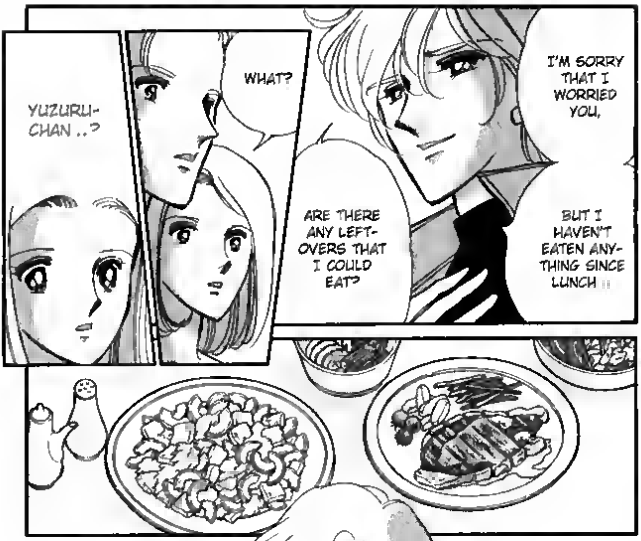


SO?
DID YOU FIND OUT WHERE YUZURU-SAN IS?
NO.
I CALLED YUZURU-CHAN'S FRIENDS, BUT NOBODY KNEW.
HE HASN'T BEEN TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL, HAS HE?
AH...
I HOPE HE HASN'T FALLEN ILL SOMEWHERE.

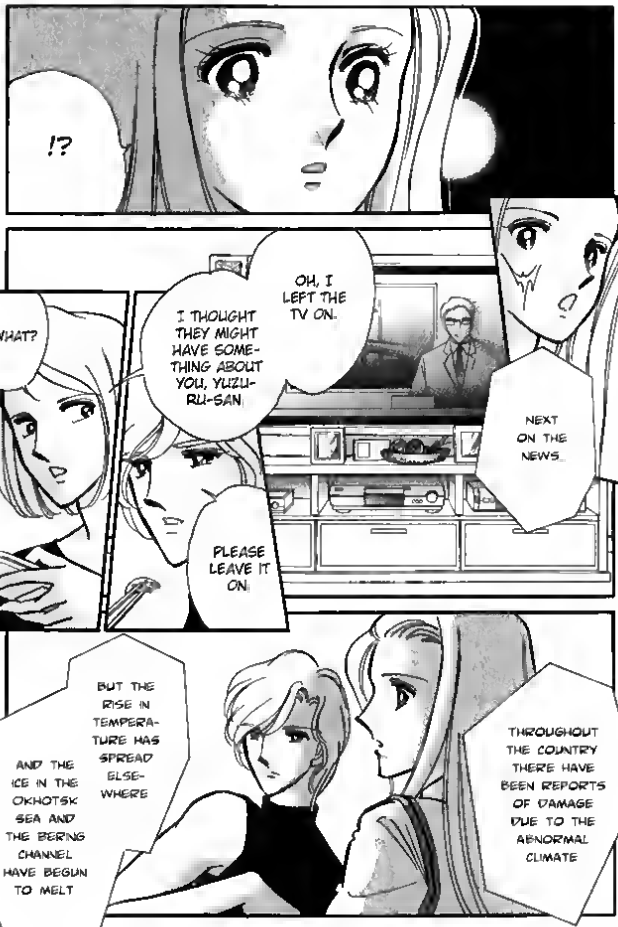
Yuzuru-chan's true form is the white dragon,
and he can only stay in human form for a limited amount of time.
Yuzuru-chan's body must be quite weak now.
If he tries to stay in his human form, then his life won't last much longer...
That limit is pretty near.

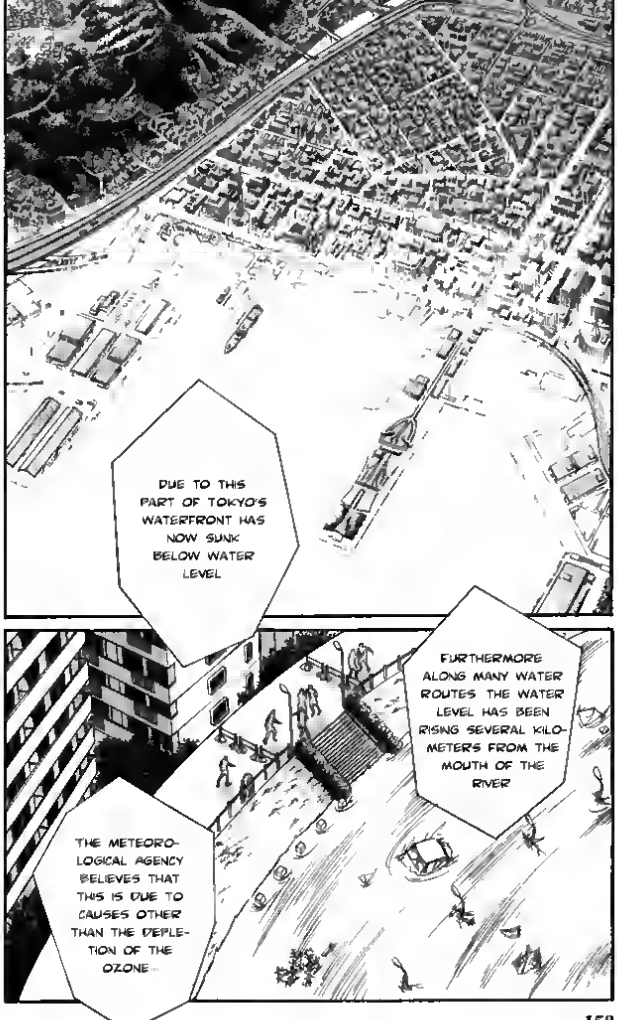

HE WAS ALREADY SO WEAK
WHERE HAS HE GONE?
YEAH
I'M SURE YUZURU-SAN IS FINE.
RIKKA,
I'LL NOTIFY THE POLICE, JUST IN CASE
VRRRM
SCREECH
THAT'S YUZURU-CHAN'S CAR!

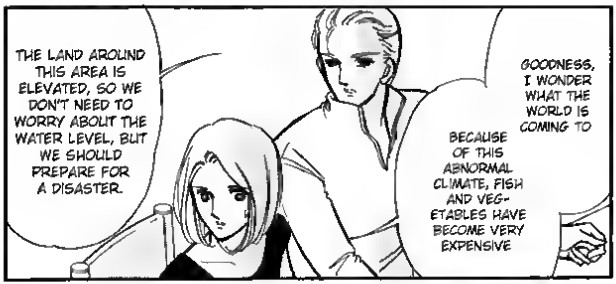

YUZURU!
YUZURU-SAN, ARE YOU OKAY!? HOW ARE YOU FEELING!?
YUZURU-CHAN, WHERE DID YOU GO!?
YUZURU-CHAN!!
I'M SORRY TO HAVE WORRIED YOU.
I REMEMBERED SOMETHING I NEEDED FOR MY REPORT,
SO I WAS AT THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY ...
UNIVERSITY!? AT THIS HOUR!?
I'M TRULY SORRY

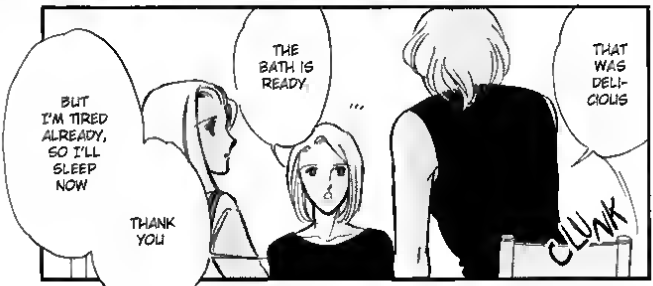

I'M SORRY THAT I WORRIED YOU,
BUT I HAVEN'T EATEN ANYTHING SINCE LUNCH
ARE THERE ANY LEFTOVERS THAT I COULD EAT?
WHAT?
YUZURU-CHAN ..?

.....
I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU EAT THIS MUCH.
IT'S VERY DELICIOUS.
YUZURU-CHAN, HOW ARE YOU FEELING ...?
SMILE


!?
OH, I LEFT THE TV ON.
I THOUGHT THEY MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING ABOUT YOU, YUZURU-SAN.
WHAT?
PLEASE LEAVE IT ON.
NEXT ON THE NEWS...
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF DAMAGE DUE TO THE ABNORMAL CLIMATE
BUT THE RISE IN TEMPERATURE HAS SPREAD ELSEWHERE
AND THE ICE IN THE OKHOTSK SEA AND THE BERING CHANNEL HAVE BEGUN TO MELT


DUE TO THIS PART OF TOKYO'S WATERFRONT HAS NOW SUNK BELOW WATER LEVEL
FURTHERMORE ALONG MANY WATER ROUTES THE WATER LEVEL HAS BEEN RISING SEVERAL KILOMETERS FROM THE MOUTH OF THE RIVER
THE METEOROLOGICAL AGENCY BELIEVES THAT THIS IS DUE TO CAUSES OTHER THAN THE DEPLETION OF THE OZONE...


THE LAND AROUND THIS AREA IS ELEVATED, SO WE DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THE WATER LEVEL, BUT WE SHOULD PREPARE FOR A DISASTER.
GOODNESS, I WONDER WHAT THE WORLD IS COMING TO
BECAUSE OF THIS ABNORMAL CLIMATE, FISH AND VEGETABLES HAVE BECOME VERY EXPENSIVE



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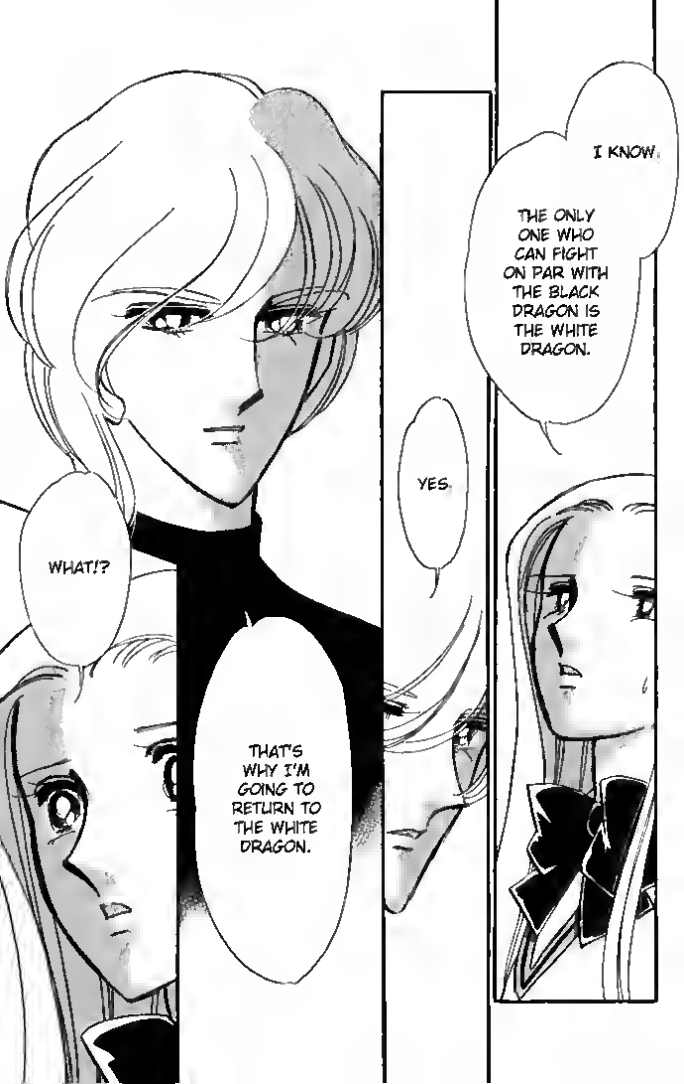
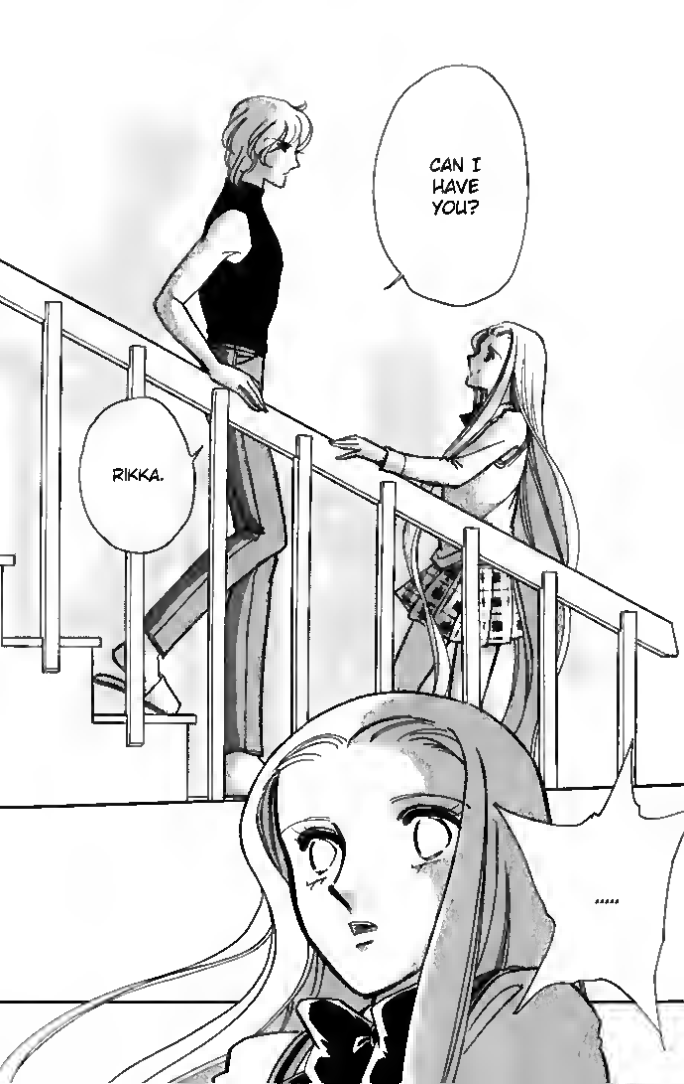
YUZURU-CHAN
YUZURU-CHAN,
DID SOME-THING HAPPEN !?
WHY DO YOU SUD-DENLY FEEL BETTER? WHY...
RIKKA, IZUMI WANTS TO TURN ME BACK INTO THE WHITE DRAGON NO MATTER WHAT.
UNTIL THEN, HE WON'T STOP THIS ABNORMAL CLIMATE.
WHAT?


I KNOW.
THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN FIGHT ON PAR WITH THE BLACK DRAGON IS THE WHITE DRAGON.
YES.
WHAT!?
THAT'S WHY I'M GOING TO RETURN TO THE WHITE DRAGON.


CAN I HAVE YOU?
RIKKA.
.....

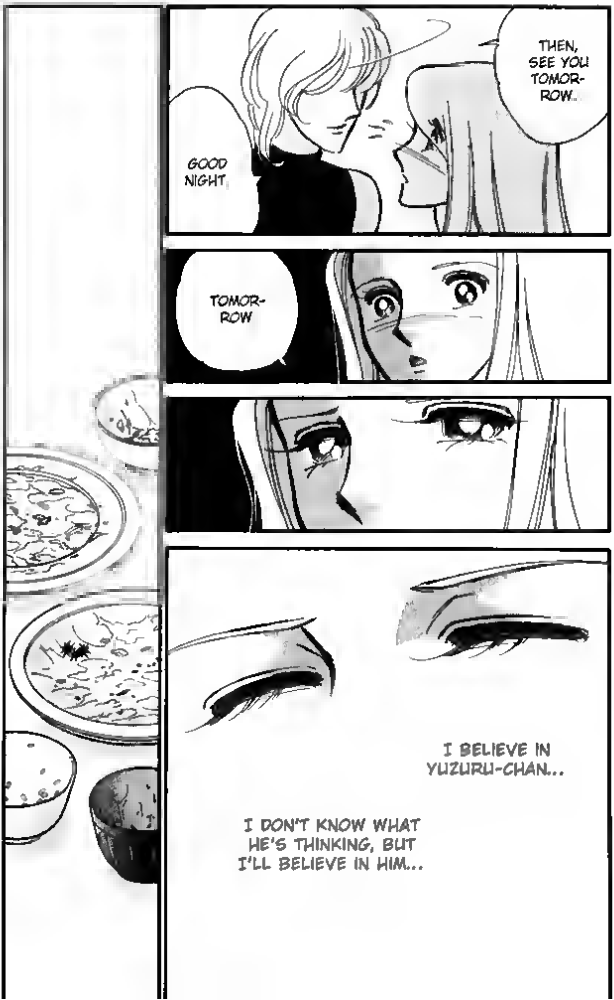
The white dragon will revive by devouring "Rikka" from the Nikaidou family.

If she sleeps with him and is "devoured,"

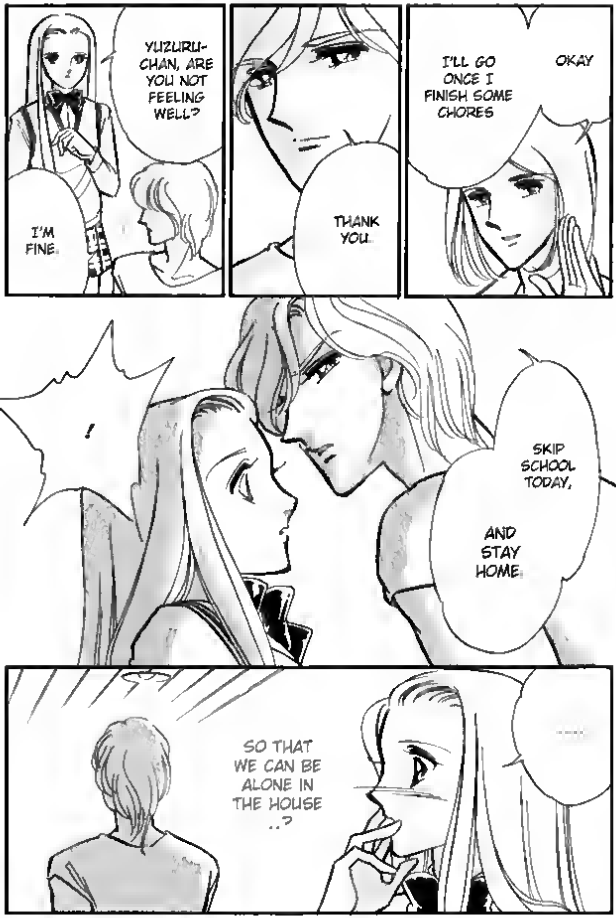
then she will die, and the white dragon will be revived.

MEANS THAT MY LIFE WILL COME TO AN END...
SLEEPING WITH YUZURU-CHAN,
KNOWS THIS, BUT HE STILL ASKED ME...
AND OF COURSE YUZURU-CHAN

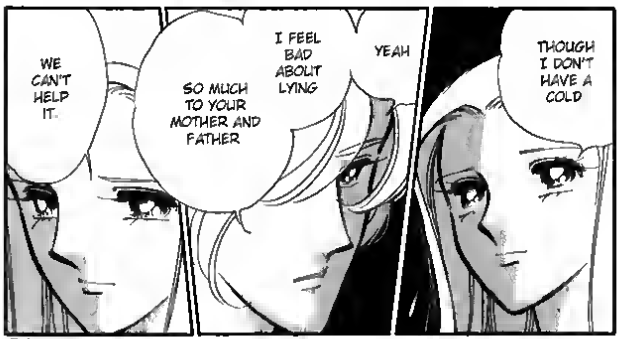
YES,
YUZURU-CHAN
THANK YOU.
!?


THEN, SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW.
GOOD NIGHT.
TOMOR-ROW
I BELIEVE IN YUZURU-CHAN...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S THINKING, BUT I'LL BELIEVE IN HIM...

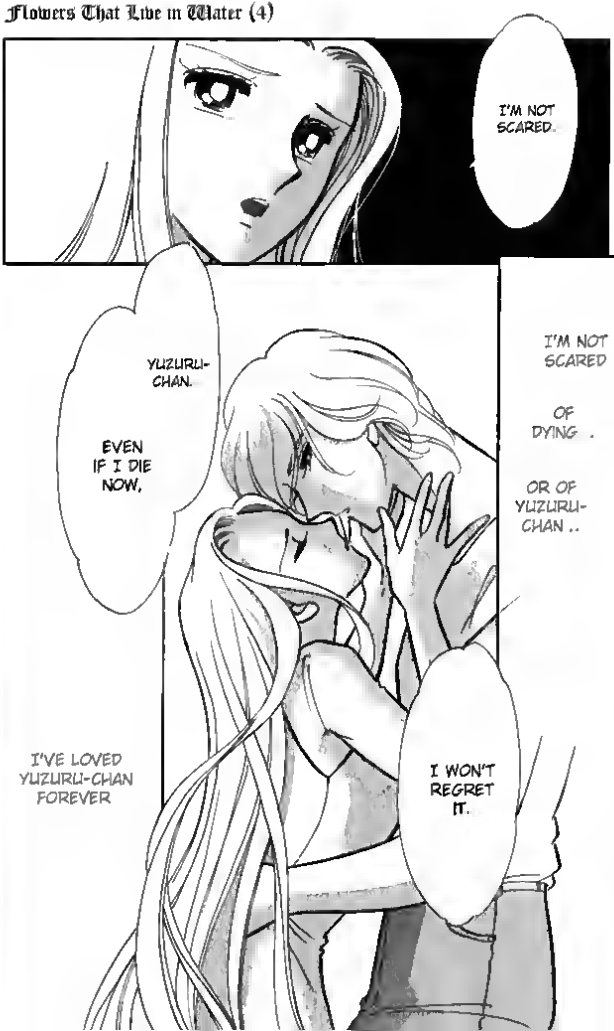
OH, GOOD MORNING, YUZURU-SAN.
DID YOU NEED HIM FOR SOME-THING?
UNCLE HAS LEFT FOR WORK?
THANKS
HAVE A NICE DAY.
TODAY?
I'M SORRY, I FOR-GOT TO TELL YOU, BUT THE DOCTOR TOLD ME
THAT HE WANTS A FAMILY MEMBER TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL ABOUT MY CHECK-UP RESULTS


YUZURU-CHAN, ARE YOU NOT FEELING WELL?
I'M FINE.
THANK YOU.
I'LL GO ONCE I FINISH SOME CHORES
OKAY
!
SKIP SCHOOL TODAY,
AND STAY HOME.
SO THAT WE CAN BE ALONE IN THE HOUSE ..?
.....

SHE SAID SHE'LL PICK UP SOME COLD MEDICINE FOR YOU, TOO
AUNTIE LEFT.


WE CAN'T HELP IT.
SO MUCH TO YOUR MOTHER AND FATHER
I FEEL BAD ABOUT LYING
YEAH
THOUGH I DON'T HAVE A COLD

W...
WAIT...
ARE YOU SCARED?


I'M NOT SCARED.
I'M NOT SCARED OF DYING .
OR OF YUZURU-CHAN ..
YUZURU-CHAN.
EVEN IF I DIE NOW,
I'VE LOVED YUZURU-CHAN FOREVER
I WON'T REGRET IT.

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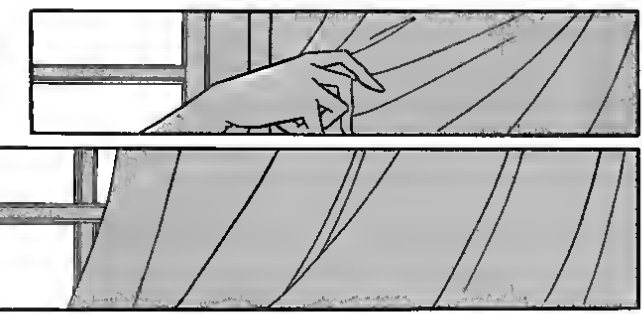
I'VE LOVED YUZURU-CHAN FOREVER



IF I'M TO DIE IN YUZURU-CHAN'S ARMS, THEN I'M NOT SCARED.
IN FACT,
IF I'M TO LIVE WITHOUT HAVING HIM FEEL ME, THEN I WOULD REGRET THAT MANY TIMES MORE!!

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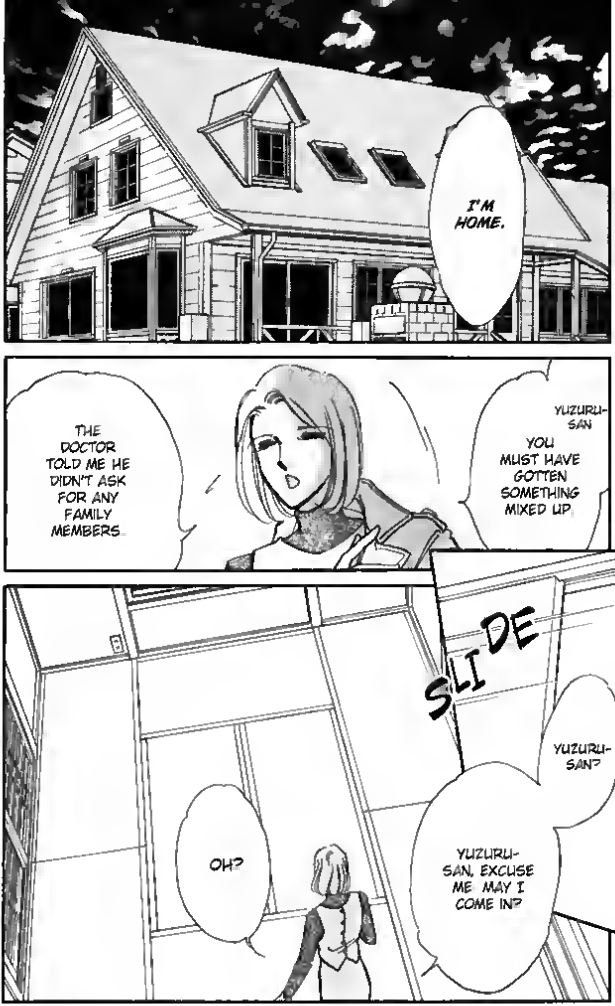
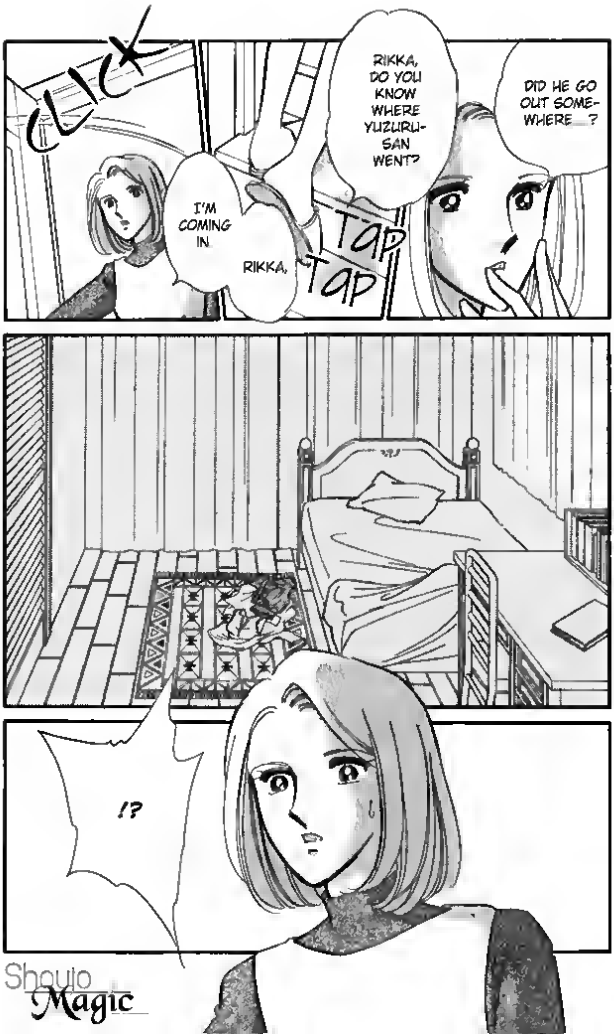

I'M HOME.
YUZURU-SAN YOU MUST HAVE GOTTEN SOMETHING MIXED UP.
THE DOCTOR TOLD ME HE DIDN'T ASK FOR ANY FAMILY MEMBERS.
SLIDE
YUZURU-SAN?
YUZURU-SAN, EXCUSE ME. MAY I COME IN?
OH?



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THEIR CLOTHES ...!?
RIKKA!?
YUZURU-SAN!?

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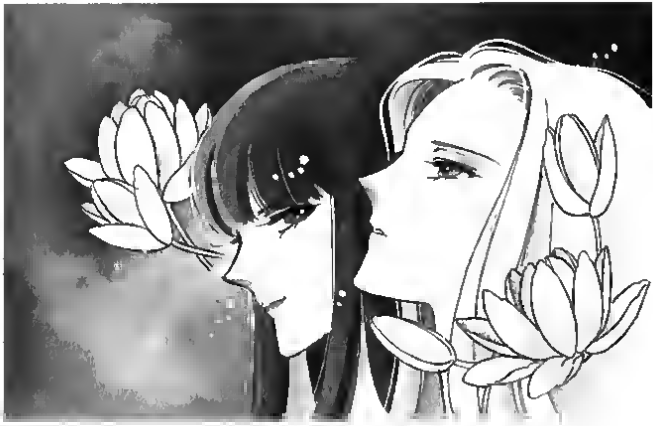

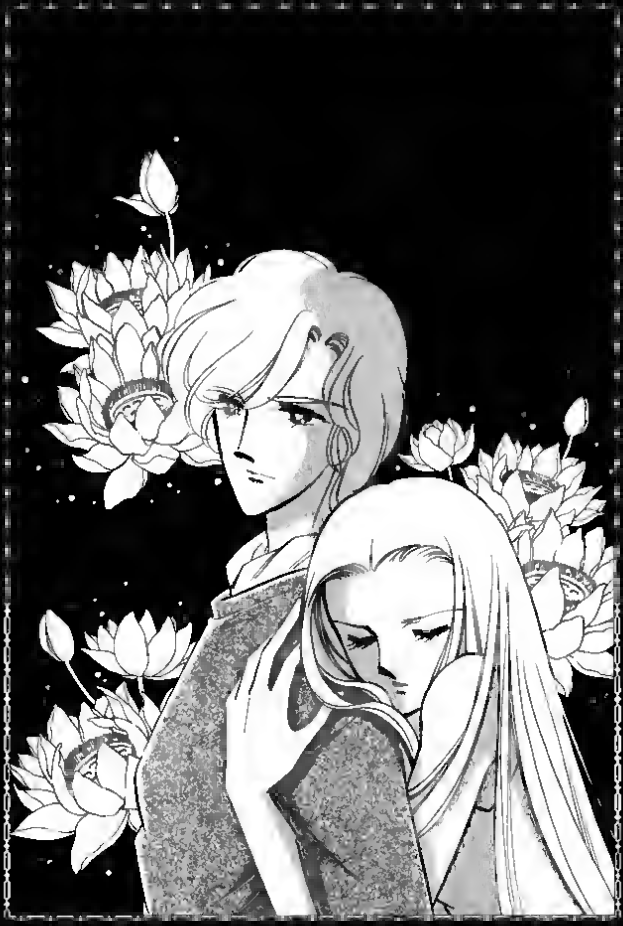

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